

Press release: Arrest made following Home Counties waste mountains

An investigation into dozens of giant heaps of waste dumped illegally across southern England has led to an arrest.



A 44-year-old man from Maidenhead, in Berkshire, was held at Eton Wick on 21 May, by Thames Valley Police in connection with large-scale illegal waste tipping across Surrey, west London, Buckinghamshire, Kent and Hampshire.

The spate of incidents started in March this year, and has so far seen 35 incidents of waste deposited unlawfully.

The arrest is part of an ongoing investigation between the Environment Agency and Metropolitan Police and Thames Valley and Surrey forces.

A tipper lorry and van believed to be involved in the illegal waste operation were seized as part of the operation. The investigation continues, with various lines of enquiry being pursued.

Emma Viner, Area Enforcement Manager for the Environment Agency, said:

We are pleased a suspect has been arrested in connection with a number of suspected large-scale illegal dumping incidents across four counties and west London.

Waste criminals put both the environment and local communities at risk with their reckless actions. The Environment Agency is determined to bring culprits to justice.

We encourage anyone with information to contact Crimestoppers

anonymously on 0800 555111.

Last year, the Environment Agency stopped illegal waste activity at 812 sites – more than two a day, disrupting illegal operators and helping legitimate business to grow.

In 2017/18, the EA made 93 successful waste-crime prosecutions, resulting in 17 prison sentences.

News story: Scottish Secretary marks 75th anniversary of D-Day

Speaking about the 75th anniversary of D-Day, Scottish Secretary David Mundell said:

As we mark the 75th anniversary of the Allied landings in Normandy, we should all take time to reflect on the enormous bravery shown by all those who took part. Scottish soldiers and sailors were of vital importance to the UK and international war effort, and Scottish engineers played a key role in building the famous Mulberry harbours which helped make the landings possible. Across Scotland we remember the ingenuity, courage and commitment of all those who were part of such a pivotal moment in modern history. And we remember all of those who didn't make it home, giving their lives so that we have the freedoms we enjoy today.

Statement to parliament: EU Transport Council: 5 June 2019

The Transport Council will be taking place in Luxembourg on Thursday 6th June (2019). This will be the only Transport Council under the Romanian Presidency (the Presidency).

The council is expected to reach a general approach on a proposal from the third tranche of the 'mobility package' for a legal framework for the electronic communication of freight transport information. The proposal would oblige member state authorities to accept electronic freight documents

related to the transport of goods. The government considers that the proposal includes some positive changes to modernise the processes and, as currently drafted, will provide an acceptable balance between EU-wide action and national discretion.

Next, there will be a progress report on a proposal from the third tranche of the 'mobility package' for the regulation on streamlining measures for the realisation of the [trans-European transport network \(TEN-T\)](#). The proposal aims to provide a streamlined approval process for transport infrastructure projects on the TEN-T, speeding up their implementation.

Following this, the council will give a progress report on a proposal from the first tranche of the 'mobility package' to revise the current directive on the use of hired vehicles which aims to regulate under which circumstances member states could limit goods vehicles registered overseas from being hired by their hauliers.

Afterwards, there will be a progress report on the proposal from the first tranche of the 'mobility package' to revise the current directive on Eurovignette (road charging). This will provide an update on negotiations on proposals to amend the current directive on charging of heavy goods vehicles. Our view, that national governments should have the flexibility to do what is right in their circumstances, is shared by many other member states.

Next, the presidency has prepared a progress report to on negotiations on proposals to revise the regulation on rail passengers' rights and obligations, aimed at strengthening the rights of rail passengers, including by improving access for people with disabilities or reduced mobility.

Under any other business, the presidency will provide information on other current legislative proposals. Additionally, it will give an update on clean planet for all, the European strategic long term vision for a prosperous, modern, competitive and climate neutral economy. The Luxembourg delegation will present information on the tackling greenhouse gas emissions and congestion by aviation pricing. The commission will supply information on three items:

- airspace capacity
- connectivity-related outcomes of the EU-China summit that took place in Brussels on the 9th April 2019
- a study on transport externalities

The Polish delgation will supply information on the conference on "benefits for regions resulting from the implementation of the route via Carpatia" that took place in Łańcut on the 17th April 2019. Finally, the Finnish delegation will provide information on the work programme of their forthcoming presidency of the council of the European Union.

Over lunch, EU Ministers will be asked to endorse a joint declaration on transport cooperation between the EU and the 6 eastern partner countries of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine. The joint declaration aims to take stock of the main achievements in the transport

relations between the EU and the eastern partner countries over the years and it is not legally binding.

News story: Last chance to apply for International Trade Summer School

Following last year's success, 16-18 year old students across the UK are being urged to join the next generation of business leaders by applying for the National Trade Academy Programme summer school organised by the Department for International Trade (DIT).

The summer school will take place in Scotland, Bristol and Birmingham where students will develop entrepreneurial skills, work alongside business leaders, learn from successful exporters, and participate in a National Competition.

Sixth Forms or Colleges can find out more and apply for the Summer School [here](#). Applications close on Friday 7 June.

The National Museum of Scotland, Edinburgh

Tuesday 25th June

Airbus, Bristol

Tuesday 9th July

Cadbury World, Birmingham

Thursday 11th July

The National Trade Academy Programme Summer School was established by DIT to support young people as they explore various career paths, and to prepare them for the world of work. The summer school takes place across the UK, starting in Scotland and later moving to Bristol and Birmingham.

International Trade Secretary Dr Liam Fox MP said:

The National Trade Academy Programme Summer School is a great initiative to inspire and educate the next generation of business leaders and entrepreneurs, giving them great insight into the world of international trade.

I would encourage all students that want to learn more about the potential of a global Britain to apply for this year's summer

school and explore the economic benefits of free trade.

During the day, students will increase their knowledge of international trade, build their confidence, experience an interactive style of learning outside the classroom, and compete with other Summer School students across the UK.

The National Trade Academy Programme is part of the Board of Trade and aims to upskill the nation on international trade, building a culture of exporting through a range of educational projects and initiatives.

[Press release: Single justice procedure cases to be listed online](#)

Single justice procedure cases to be listed online – GOV.UK

Cases dealt with under the Single Justice Procedure will be listed online, as part of HM Courts and Tribunals Service's efforts to make the justice system more transparent.



- Applies to Transport for London and TV licensing cases
- Listings to be published daily before 10.30am
- Online publication will provide more transparency for public and media alike

The online lists, live from today (Wednesday 5 June 2019), will be published daily before 10.30am and will contain the following information:

- Defendant's first initial and surname
- Defendant's home town and first two letters of post code
- Offence

- Prosecuting authority

The lists, which are produced by the Automated Track Case Management (ATCM) system, will refer to TV licensing (from the Midlands region only) and Transport for London cases. These are the only Single Justice Procedure cases currently administered by ATCM. It is expected all TV licensing cases will use ATCM later this summer and the system will also be rolled out to DVLA cases by the end of the year.

Publishing these case lists online will allow a more consistent and dependable flow of information to the public and media, increasing transparency in the justice system.

Notes to editors:

- The Single Justice Procedure (SJP) was introduced by the Criminal Justice and Courts Act 2015 and allows adult defendants accused of summary-only, non-imprisonable, victimless offences to be tried and sentenced on the papers by a single magistrate without a hearing. If the defendant pleads guilty and agrees to the use of a SJP, or if the defendant does not engage at all within the deadline, the case will proceed under the SJP. If the defendant pleads not guilty or otherwise wants to have a hearing, or considers that the SJP process is not appropriate, the case will be managed in the usual way.
- Currently, these lists are published at the individual magistrates' court at which the SJP case is being heard.
- Those requiring further information (including the full name and address of defendants) can request this by [contacting HMCTS' Courts and Tribunals Service Centre in Stoke](#).

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