

Three men plead guilty for dumping waste illegally

Daniel Worboys of 'Rubbish Clearance Portsmouth', Jason Newman of 'What A Load Of Rubbish' and Sidney Simpson of 'S&S Clearances' pleaded guilty at Portsmouth Magistrates Court for dumping waste illegally – including waste collected from a church in Portsmouth.

A fourth defendant, Ben Bennett (real name Lezlie Hollis) pleaded not guilty and his case has been adjourned until 10 September 2019.

In September 2018, a major flytipping site was discovered by the Environment Agency on Hulbert Road, Havant. It found orchestrated dumping of household and commercial waste by trespassers, including waste forming around 40 different tips from many small vehicles. The waste site caused problems for the environment with some of the waste catching fire, causing toxic smoke, and some entering the local stream. It cost around £100,000 to clear the site.

Mattresses and household items were among the rubbish dumped on the site

Following an extensive investigation, the Environment Agency identified the 3 men, who pleaded guilty to dumping the waste at the Hulbert Road site.

Daniel Worboys, who was sentenced to 12 weeks' imprisonment suspended for 12 months and ordered to pay £1,500 compensation, admitted he had collected waste from a number of customers that he deposited at the site near Havant. He also did not use correct paperwork.

Jason Newman was sentenced to 12 weeks' imprisonment suspended for 12 months and ordered to pay £1,000 in compensation. The Environment Agency found paperwork belonging to Jason Newman at the site. It also found that he had dumped waste he had collected from a housing association and a landlord as part of a house clearance. He also did not use correct paperwork.

Sidney Simpson, who was sentenced to 12 weeks' imprisonment suspended for 12 months and ordered to pay £1,000 compensation, was employed to clear household and business waste from a church in Portsmouth by the pastor who had employed him before. He also did not use correct paperwork.

Some of the waste caught fire, causing toxic smoke

A spokesman for the Environment Agency, said:

Their actions showed blatant disregard for the environment. These

waste criminals also undermine legitimate businesses.

In cases like this, we have no hesitation in prosecuting those involved as we want to make sure that waste crime doesn't pay.

We all have a part to play in stopping waste crime. We encourage the public to ask to see their waste collector's 'Waste Carriers Registration' and demand a 'Waste Transfer Note', which states where they are taking the waste to be disposed.

Notes to editors

Mr Newman was prosecuted for:

- Section 33 illegal deposit of waste on or before 27 September 2018
- failure to respond to Notice which expired on 12 December 2018
- failure to keep transfer notes as required

Mr Simpson was prosecuted for:

- Section 33 illegal deposit of waste on or before 27 September 2018
- failure to respond to Notice which expired on 6 December 2018
- failure to keep transfer notes as required

Mr Worboys was prosecuted for:

- Section 33 illegal deposit of waste on or before 27 September 2018
- failure to respond to Notice which expired on 24 January 2019
- failure to keep transfer notes as required