

Causes of littering and fly-tipping

Small scale

Individuals throwing litter out of car windows and dropping litter after a picnic and BBQ



Large scale

- Restaurants, supermarkets, shops and fast food
- Business and industrial waste e.g. bricks
- Some companies charge to remove waste then dump it illegally (fly-tipping)



Indirect

- Blown out of bins by the wind
- Pulled out of bins and spread by wildlife e.g. seagulls



Consequences of littering and fly-tipping

Environmental

- Dangerous to wildlife
- Can cause damage to the environment e.g. cigarette butts causing grass fires
- Litter can be blown into rivers and carried to the sea



Economic

- Litter and fly-tipping clean up and disposal costs
- Impacts on local businesses if people start to avoid the area
- Impact on tourism and the potential for growth in an area
- Can reduce property prices



Social

- Can increase health problems
- Impacts on a community's sense of well-being
- Can encourage crime and anti-social behaviour



Combating littering and fly-tipping

Legal

- Fly-tipping Action Wales tackles the illegal dumping of waste
- Local authorities and police can issue Fixed Penalty Notices up to £150 for littering

Education / Awareness

- Funded programmes such as Eco-schools
- Initiatives such as Tidy Towns aim to empower people to take responsibility for their local environment
- Knowing where and how you can re-use and recycle e.g. free-cycle, up-cycling, charities and organisations that collect unwanted items

Reduce – Reuse – Recycle

- Local provisions e.g. bins in suitable locations, recycling centres, household collections
- Litter has a value when reused or recycled and can be turned into new products and packaging
- Recycling reduces impact on natural resources as less raw materials are required



Challenge Cards

Can you think of any other causes of littering or fly-tipping?

Challenge: Your challenge now is to be creative and use natural materials to make a model showing some of the causes of littering and/or fly-tipping. Use the suggestions on the cards you have already collected and add any other ideas you can think of.



Can you think of any other consequences of littering and fly-tipping?

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Can you think of any other ways of combating littering and fly-tipping?

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Title Cards

Causes

Consequences

Combating