

**NUMBER OF REPORTED FLY TIPPING INSTANCES ON COUNCIL LAND – 2015 to 2017**

<b>Month</b>	<b>2015/16</b>	<b>2016/17</b>	<b>2017/18</b>
April	83	79	52
May	68	73	56
June	77	69	91
July	57	63	94
August	51	61	97
September	42	63	82
October	63	55	
November	47	57	
December	51	65	
January	60	62	
February	62	56	
March	73	57	
	<b>734</b>	<b>761</b>	

The table sets out the monthly recorded fly tipping incidents on land where the Council holds a duty to remove such materials. Between 2015/16 to 2016/17 the figures reveal a slight increase in the annual total, with no discernible pattern between the years.

For 2017/18 and immediately prior to the roll out in June of the Council's two bag rule this pattern is broadly repeated before reported fly tipping numbers increase through June into August with a fall in numbers during September. It is too early at this time to draw any conclusions from this data or to make any projections of the medium or long term trend in reported fly tipping incidents.

A degree of caution also needs to be exercised around the interpretation of the recorded figures during this period, as they include fly tipping reports submitted by the public, which are in fact missed waste collections or refuse sacks presented on the wrong day. Members will recall that during the period in question the Contractor changed the collection days for around half of the households across the County Borough. This led to numerous reports of missed collections, a number of which would have inevitably been recorded as fly tipping, unfortunately there is no way of separating these instances out from the overall figures.

Ordinarily when changes to the way in which waste materials are collected from households, a small initial spike in reported fly tipping is experienced. It will therefore be important moving forward, that this continues to be monitored closely, as the new collection service beds in.