

## Burmantofts and Richmond Hill Ward

St Elmo's - We received information from a local Councillor that there was waste in and around the back garden of an empty property. Our officer had difficulty tracing the owner and so had no other alternative than to affix a Section 4 legal notice of the Prevention of Damages By Pest Act 1949 notice to the door. The notice was not complied with and therefore clearance and securing of access (as the property appeared derelict) work was arranged and carried out in default through a contractor. Work is on-going to recover the costs, which is likely to be through a legal charge being put on the property.

*Before* - *Notice Served* - *After*



East Park Grove - Having received a report from ward members that a disused garage was open to access and being used for drug taking, an officer visited and spoke with residents in the area. The open garage was full of domestic waste and residents confirmed the view that it was attracting anti-social behaviour and drug taking. Consequently, a Section 80 legal notice of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 was served on the owner of the garage to remove the waste and secure the garage from unauthorised entry. The notice was complied with - i.e. the waste was removed and the garage made secure within the required 48 hours. The officer also liaised with the local NPT to report the anti-social behaviour in the area and report actions being taken to secure the garage etc.

*Before*



*After*





*Before*



*After*

A Section 92a legal notice of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 was served on the owner of the above property as the garden was full of domestic waste and complaints had been made. This notice was not complied with and so a Fixed Penalty Notice was issued. However, as part of the investigative work it became apparent that the owner had mental health issues and was a hoarder. The officer liaised with a social worker and family members to get the garden cleared. The FPN was withdrawn and the owner is now being supported by a social worker and family members with provisions in place so a similar situation didn't occur in the future.

## **Gipton and Harehills Ward**

Conway Road - We received a complaint from a member of the public regarding a constantly running overflow pipe. This is considered dangerous as water pours out on to the footpath and freezes in the winter months, as well as potentially making the path slippery anyway. A Section 59 legal notice of the Building Act 1984 was served which required the owner to repair the pipe within 28 days. The owner complied with the notice.



Cowper Crescent - We had received a complaint regarding an empty property, that was open to access and full of waste. Despite numerous attempts to work with the owner, they failed to comply with the s.80 of the Environmental Protection Act 1980 served. Work in default was carried out to secure the property and remove the waste. Prosecution is pending.

*Before*

*After*





*Before*



*After*

Roundhay Road - Whilst investigating a commercial complaint (see below) in the area an officer came across a pile of uncontained domestic waste from residential flats. A Section 46 legal notice of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 was issued. Working with cooperation of the letting agents, the waste was removed and now domestic waste is being contained in an acceptable condition. However, the Section 46 notice remains in place and should uncontained waste be found here again an immediate fine (FPN) will be issued.

Roundhay Road - We received complaints that commercial waste was not being stored appropriately. An officer investigated and as a result three legal notices were served on Section 4 of the Prevention of Damage By Pests Act 1949 and on Sections 34(5) and Section 47 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990. As per the terms of the notices, the waste was cleared within 48hrs. However, the notices remain live on the business to help prevent offence reoccurring, in which case a fine and/or prosecution be considered.

*Before*

*After*



## **Killingbeck and Seacroft**

Ramshead Drive – Report of fly tipping of approximately 2 tonnes of soil in Lime Pit Woods. After investigations, all the soil was removed and a Formal Caution served on perpetrator.



Limewood Approach – Electricity substation. Issues reported of fly tipping, needles and human waste. Working with Northern Gas Networks Ltd, they cleared the site and replaced the insecure fencing. A “No fly tipping” sign erected. No issues reported since.





*Before*



*After*

Boggart Hill Shops (above) - Complaints were received regarding the environmental condition around the shops on Boggart Hill Drive. An officer visited the shops and spoke with all the business and issued a Section 47 legal notice to Harmony Hill Alternative therapy for non-containment of commercial waste, this has now been fully complied with. All businesses on the parade were asked to ensure they kept their areas at the back of the shops just as clean as the shop fronts, which they are now doing. The street cleansing staff and ENE Homes caretakers will also ensure that there are regular litter picks and a sweep once a week to help ensure the area stays clean and tidy.

Regular enforcement visits are carried out and a section 46 legal notice has been served on the residential flats above the shops to ensure they contain their domestic waste. To help residents we have arranged with refuse colleagues for an extra 100 litre wheeled bin to be placed at the back for the flats. Since the new bin has been in place things have been much better, and no domestic waste issues have been reported or observed since.

Officer continue to attended local tasking meetings to build closer relationships with other agencies and visit the area on a regular basis looking to build up key contacts to encourage local residents to help identify, report and resolve issues.

Dibb Lane Shops -\_Complaints were received from members of the public and Councillors regarding the condition of the shops on Dibb Lane. An officer visited the shops and spoke with all the business about the condition of the shop fronts and about the need to fully contain their trade waste at all times. This was followed up with letter and information to all



business explaining their duties and how we can help. Duty of care visits are planned to ensure all businesses have sufficient trade waste arrangements in place and if not legal notices will be served. However, so far, businesses seem have taken the advice on board and are ensuring their shop frontage is swept by a member of staff daily, and that it is checked regular during the day and any litter removed or swept. One report has been made to the police regarding a regular drinker using the shops as his toilet and local NPT teams have carried out regular patrols and the shop owners have also been informed to report incidents to the police. The shops are looking much cleaner and further regular visits will be carried out by an enforcement officer.