

ASB – Taking picture

Spitting and littering are anti-social and make our streets and green spaces less pleasant areas to be in. Residents have told us that they want us to take tougher action against anyone who litters, so as part of our crackdown on anti-social behaviour (ASB) in Hillingdon, we are working with our partners to clamp down on all forms of littering.

Littering costs the council £2.5m every year. This includes cleaning the roads and parks and collecting litter. Litter louts drop more than 7,000 tonnes of litter on the borough's streets, that's equivalent to 878 double decker buses!

Anyone caught dropping litter in Hillingdon can be fined up to £80, with 'litter' including cigarette butts, chewing gum, as well as the more traditional rubbish that gets dropped like sandwich packets, drinks cans or bottles.

You can help keep the borough's streets clean by putting your

rubbish in a bin, or taking it home with you and throwing it away there, and by recycling where appropriate. There are recycling bins in all the main town centres in Hillingdon where you can recycle bottles, cans and paper.

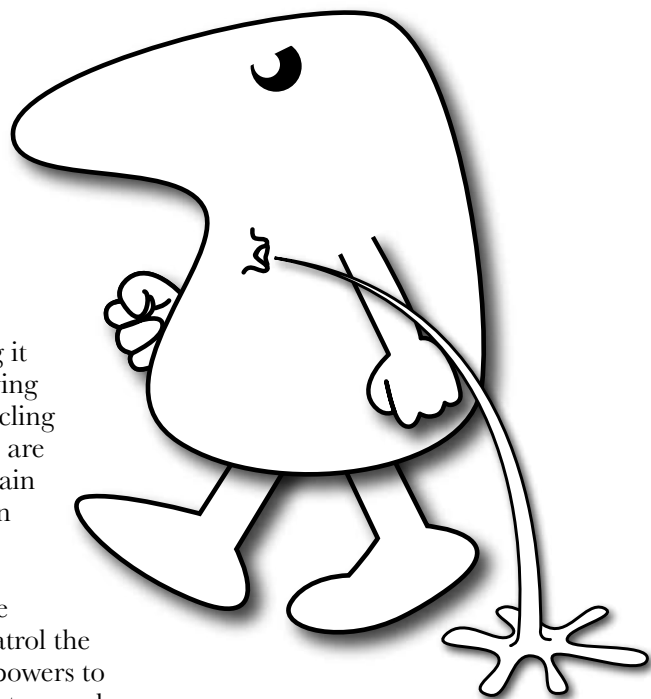
The council will soon be introducing wardens to patrol the borough. They will have powers to issue fixed penalty notices to people littering, including spitting chewing gum and dropping cigarette butts.

Littering can also include fly-tipping, which carries a maximum penalty of £5,000. Common items that are fly-tipped include: vehicle parts like tyres, oil and petrol; builders' waste like rubble, bricks, bathroom suites; trade waste; white goods; furniture and garden waste.

Fly-tipping has serious environmental impacts, including polluting the environment and it costs around £100million a year (nationally) to clean up.

The council is clamping down on all forms of spitting, including chewable khat, paan and chewing gum. Anyone caught spitting can be given an £80 on the spot fine.

You can help us by speaking



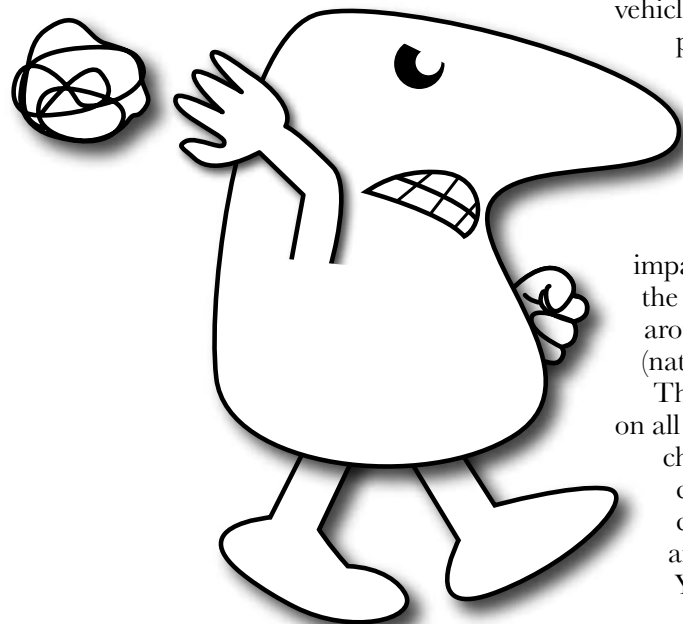
to police officers in your Safer Neighbourhood Team or officers from the council's Anti-Social Behaviour Investigations Team if there is a particular problem or you know of repeat offenders.

Cllr Douglas Mills, Cabinet Member for Improvement, Partnerships and Community Safety, said: "Dropping all

forms of litter is unacceptable, including spitting paan, khat and gum. Litter on our streets is an eyesore and costs the council a lot of money to clean up. It is also unhygienic.

"Anyone caught dropping litter of any description can be fined £80 for this. Our residents have told us they support strong action against people dropping litter and we hope this fine is a deterrent.

"By reporting any fly-tipping to us, you are helping us to take anti-social behaviour out of the picture."



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You can report fly-tipping easily, by reporting it online through the council's website – visit www.hillingdon.gov.uk and click 'Report it'. To do this you will have to log-in or register so you can track your reports. You can also email reports on contactcentre1@hillington.gov.uk or, if you don't have access to the internet, call us on 01895 556000.