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WASTE CRIME AWARENESS WEEK

05 – 11 OCTOBER 2026



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ABOUT

Welcome to Waste Crime Awareness Week 2026. It's a national call to action to protect our environment, our communities, and legitimate businesses from the growing threat of waste crime. Waste crime costs the UK millions each year, it undermines responsible operators, and damages the places we live and work.

Waste Crime Awareness Week has been created to increase public and business awareness of the risks around waste crime and the different responsibilities held. It is designed to strengthen practitioner capability and confidence, and highlight the impact of waste crime on communities, the environment, and the economy.

This year's theme, 'Know the Risk, Stop the Harm', empowers residents, businesses, and frontline professionals to recognise the signs of waste crime and take confident, defensible action.

Across the week, partners from enforcement, regulation, local authorities, industry, and community groups will come together to share insight, spotlight best practice, and strengthen the collective response to illegal waste activity.



DAILY THEMES

MONDAY 05 OCTOBER 2026 – UNDERSTANDING WASTE CRIME

Building awareness of what waste crime is, why it matters, and the serious environmental, economic, and social harm it causes.

TUESDAY 06 OCTOBER 2026 – PARTNERSHIP WORKING

Highlighting the importance of collaboration between regulators, local authorities, law enforcement, industry, and communities to prevent and disrupt waste crime.

WEDNESDAY 07 OCTOBER 2026 – BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY

Focusing on the role of legitimate businesses in compliance, due diligence, and supporting a lawful and sustainable waste sector.

THURSDAY 08 OCTOBER 2026 – ENFORCEMENT AND INTELLIGENCE

Enforcement and intelligence are at the heart of tackling waste crime effectively. Exploring how intelligence-led approaches, partnership working, and the effective use of enforcement powers can help identify offenders, disrupt criminal activity and protect our communities and environment.

FRIDAY 09 OCTOBER 2026 – HOUSEHOLDER RESPONSIBILITIES

Householders play a vital role in preventing waste crime. Exploring how awareness, education and informed decision-making can help reduce fly-tipping, improve compliance with duty of care requirements, and prevent waste from falling into the hands of criminals.

SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER 2026 – ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY IMPACT

Examining the lasting damage waste crime causes to the environment, local communities, and public confidence.

SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER 2026 – TAKE ACTION AND KEEP THE CONVERSATION GOING

Encouraging continues learning, reporting of concerns and long-term commitment to preventing waste crime beyond the week itself.

HOW TO SUPPORT

Waste Crime Awareness Week is an opportunity for organisations, practitioners, businesses and communities to come together to raise awareness, share knowledge and promote positive action against waste crime. We encourage everyone to play their part and support the campaign in the following ways.

Share The Campaign

Help us spread the message by sharing Waste Crime Awareness Week content across your social media channels, websites, newsletters and internal communications. The more people we reach, the greater the impact we can have.

Showcase Your Work

Tell others about the work your organisation is doing to prevent, reduce, detect and tackle waste crime. Whether it is enforcement activity, partnership working, education campaigns or innovative approaches, sharing your experiences can help inspire and support others.

Share Best Practice

Use the week to share lessons learned, successful initiatives, case studies and examples of good practice. By sharing knowledge and experience we can strengthen capability across the sector and improve outcomes for communities and the environment.

Take Part in Events and Webinars

Join the free webinars taking place throughout the week. Encourage colleagues, partners and stakeholders to participate and contribute to the conversation.

Raise Awareness

Help residents, businesses and communities understand their responsibilities in relation to waste management and disposal. Promote key messages around checking waste carriers, understanding legal obligations and reporting concerns

SOCIAL MEDIA

To help you promote the campaign, we have provided a range of ready-made social media graphics, suggested captions and key messages that can be used throughout the week. Images and captions can be downloaded from our [website](#).

Don't forget to use the hashtags
#WasteCrimeAwarenessWeek
#WCAW2026
#KnowTheRiskStopTheHarm



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Thank you for supporting Waste Crime Awareness Week 2026.

By taking part in the campaign, sharing key messages, showcasing your work and engaging with your networks, you are helping to raise awareness of the significant impact that waste crime has on our communities, environment and economy.

The success of this campaign relies on the collective efforts of practitioners, organisations, businesses and communities working together to promote good practice, encourage responsible waste management and tackle waste crime.

We are grateful for your commitment and support and look forward to seeing the positive impact we can achieve together.

Together, we can help people to know the risk, stop the harm, and play their part in tackling waste crime.

Thank you for being part of Waste Crime Awareness Week 2026.



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