

# IS FLY TIPPING A VICTIM LESS CRIME?

NO!!! Why No, well we all have to pay for the clean-up that is required. Whether it is the landowner, Council, Internal Drainage Board or You, a cost is incurred. I recently had to establish who was responsible for the removal of an amount of articles dumped off the cycle path between Coates and Eastrea.

When eventually able to contact the person responsible for the removal of the items. I was informed of the number of incidents in the area and the costs to remove the dumped items. On one occasion, it was £1200. Every person in this ward makes a payment to this organisation through council tax and levies. While this figure is extreme every time fly tipping has to be cleaned up, you pay. This is money that can be used far more productively to provide services. Before you pay someone to remove items for you, check they are authorised to dispose lawfully. Remember it is your responsibility and should it be dumped you can be fined. I know of action that is being taken against an individual who advertises a removal service. There are always the recycling centres which you can use for free and for bulky items there is the FDC Bulk removal service. RESPECT our Countryside and dispose of your waste responsibly.

Last weekend individuals conducted a litter pick around Whittlesey and along the A605 toward Eastrea. It resulted in at least four full bags of recyclable and four of general waste being collected.

Do you want to live in a waste tip? Then take your waste home and dispose it responsibly.

**Regards**

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**WTC for the villages of Whittlesey**

