

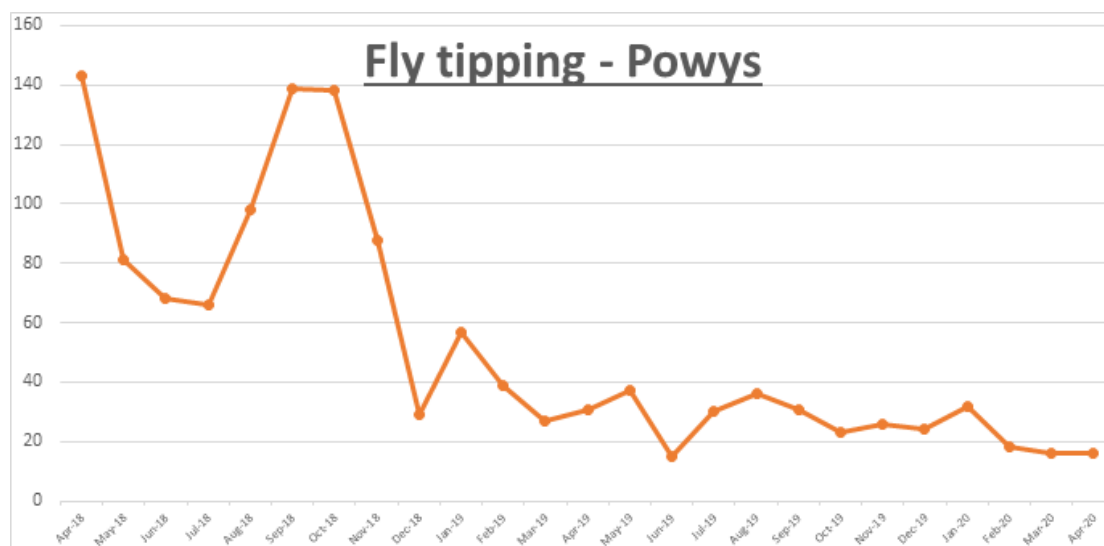


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QUESTIONS AT ANY TIME TO CABINET PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

Response by the Portfolio Holder:

Thank you for your question. Please see below as requested the data we hold for flytipping in Powys which shows the total number of incidents actioned (investigated and/or cleared) in line with NRW statutory reporting requirements. *(It should be noted that this data is yet to be officially validated, audited and published by the Welsh Government and some incidents reported in late April may still be ongoing)*



We have significantly increased our awareness and enforcement activities in recent years and this is starting to show some positive impacts with a significant decline in flytipping across the county in recent years.

During the last two months there appears to be no discernible increase in flytipping, if anything when contrasted to the same period in 2019, we have seen a decrease, which suggests most people are following the advice to stay home and defer non-essential activity. With more residents taking exercise in the countryside, it may be that there is a perception of more littering and flytipping.

There has been much media reporting of increased flytipping and making the connection with the closure of Council facilities. Flytipping is of course an illegal activity to which most residents will not resort, but there may be unscrupulous operators who will take household waste for a fee and then flytip it in the countryside.

We are still investigating and clearing flytipping from relevant land, but there may be some delays whilst we focus staff resources on maintaining essential domestic waste collections during these unprecedented times.

We can all help by reporting incidents of fly tipping via our website <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/8023/Help-us-keep-Powys-clean> and these reports are passed to our locally based Waste Awareness and Enforcement team and Environmental Protection Officers to action. As well as removing waste from relevant land we have followed up on numerous reports in recent years with proactive enforcement including: warning letters, interviews under caution, statutory notices, fixed penalty notices and court prosecutions where appropriate.