

## ***Fly Tipping, Scrap Men, Waste Licenses and General Contractors.***

**M**alvern Hills District Council is determined to stop fly-tippers in their tracks by asking householders to only give their waste to licensed carriers.

Gordon Morris, Street Scene Manager for Malvern Hills District Council explains: "Residents have a key role to play in preventing fly tipping from happening. By only choosing accredited waste collection companies to take away their unwanted items, they can be sure their waste is going to the right place and will not end up dumped on the side of a road."

Every waste carrier, which accepts payment for the service, needs to be fully registered as a waste carrier. This license allows them to dispose of waste in appropriate locations, and in an appropriate manner. Those not fully licensed to carry waste will not have access to these locations and so will have to get rid of the waste elsewhere by fly-tipping. This is illegal and the penalty for such a crime can be up to 12 months in prison or a £50,000 fine. **If the waste carrier responsible for carrying out the fly tip cannot be caught, the items dumped may be traced back to their owners and they will be liable for the clean-up bill or fine.**

Any trades person that takes any waste away from your house must have a waste carriers licence. This could be the carpet fitter with off cuts of carpet, the plumber with old bits of piping, an electrician with old cable, a builder, or a gardener that takes away tree cuttings or garden waste plus many, many more.

Gordon continued: "To check if your waste carrier is accredited, all you need to do is ask to see the waste carrier license. If the driver of the vehicle cannot produce it or makes an excuse that he has left it at home then do not allow them to take the waste. Only go with licensed waste carriers and remember to ask for a receipt for any service provided."

The Environment Agency produces a comprehensive list of licensed waste carriers in the area on their website: [www.environment-agency.gov.uk](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk)

Anyone with any information about fly tipping or Waste Carriers should contact the Malvern Hub on 01684 862151.

If people wish to stop unlicensed "scrap merchants" coming round then you must do the following.....

- a) Record Date and Time
- b) Record Place
- c) Type of vehicle & Colour
- d) Record Registration Number

Report the above to Malvern Hub on 01684 862151 or a District Councillor.

Adam Rea on 07946 898 631 or David Harrison on 01905 828107 - Two vehicles have already been fined the maximum fine of £300 for no licence while coming round Kempsey.