

Request

1. Please estimate or calculate much does it cost to remove 1kg of litter from our environment including roadsides, streets, pavements and areas your council cares for.
2. How many prosecutions were there in and around Wigan for littering by persons and companies in recent times compared to earliest records of yours and what were the fines?
3. Who litters most women/men/companies responsible and what are the breakdowns?
4. Does council actively prosecute land and property owners of littered land too?
5. Does Wigan council have a program for actively promoting and rewarding litter picking and environmental cleanups by Wiganers?

Response

We are unable to provide an approximate figure, as various factors could impact on the calculation and therefore would not show a meaningful reflection.

Without a specific timescale, we are unable to provide data or comparison.

We do not record this kind of detail, so would not be able to report on it, sorry.

We do not prosecute as a litter offence on this type of case, we use other powers available under section 80 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990, in the form of a Community Protection Notice. This would be recorded as an accumulation of waste, not littered land.

Wigan Council are currently rolling out the 'Keep it Clean' campaign to tackle litter and fly tipping. We are also taking part in the Great British Spring Clean and are offering to supply volunteers with litter picking kit for free to encourage engagement. The Council also hold annual awards to recognise and celebrate the work of our volunteers.