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All eyes on fly-tipping

A brand new fly-tipping task force named Operation Eyeball has been formed to tackle fly-tipping in rural parts of North Yorkshire and Ryedale.

Bringing together North Yorkshire Police with landowners and district and unitary councils will allow the sharing of intelligence and information to tackle the crime. A key element will be planned and targeted enforcement action days.

North Yorkshire County Council, Network Rail, the NFU and the Environment Agency, as landowners, are also involved. Along with City of York Council, all seven North Yorkshire local authorities who have enforcement powers for this crime are also involved in the operation: Selby District Council, Richmondshire District Council, Hambleton District Council, Harrogate District Council, Craven District Council, Scarborough Borough Council and Ryedale District Council.

North Yorkshire Police will be gathering and sharing intelligence around fly-tipping hot spots, suspect vehicles and waste carriers.

Ryedale District Council's Chair of Policy and Resources Committee, Cllr Luke Ives, said, "This proactive approach crosses the borders between the different authorities involved in clearing fly-tipping – much like the criminals who carry out this crime. Working together like this means we have a joined up approach to responding to this problem."

Julia Mulligan, Police and Crime Commissioner for North Yorkshire, commented: "Operation Eyeball is a wide ranging operation with a clear aim – to reduce fly-tipping in North Yorkshire through an innovative approach. By bringing together organisations who are on the front line of the problem and have to deal with its consequences, we are taking an important first step to tackle it. I welcome the approach being taken by councils and would encourage anyone having to deal with fly-tipping to get in touch with them."

Supt Paula Booth, of North Yorkshire Police, said: "Fly-tipping is a selfish crime that blights local environments and spoils people's enjoyment of our towns and countryside. It is a source of pollution, a potential danger to public health and a hazard to wildlife. It also undermines legitimate waste businesses who operate within the law.

"By working together, we can tackle this issue. We also need help from the public – if you find or witness fly-tipping, wherever it is, record as many details about the incident and the waste as you can, and report it to your local authority or via the gov.uk website. This will help the authorities take action against those responsible and stop them fly-tipping in the future."

This work builds on the recent Don't be a Waster – Reduce, Reuse, Respect campaign's focus on fly-tipping.

If you witness fly-tipping taking place you can report it [online](#) with the vehicle registration details and as much information as possible about the location of the incident.



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