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### Council and National Park Horrified by Monster Fly Tip

A huge amount of Builders waste was tipped in Dean Prior near Buckfastleigh on Thursday 11 July, blocking two public rights of way.

The waste consists of a large amount of stone rubble as well as wood, slate, plasterboard, cardboard and plastics. Contractors who have visited the site to quote for removal have also raised concerns about asbestos.

The costs of removing and disposing of the waste is likely to be more than £5,000.

**Cllr Peter Smerdon, Ward Member for South Brent, said:** "I have been a Councillor for nearly ten years and this is one of the worst fly tips I have seen. Dean Prior is a very small parish, but suffers tremendously from fly tipping because it is so close to the A38.

"This one is clearly the waste from a big building project somewhere, and I would be willing to bet that the householder has paid someone to clear the site with no idea that this is what they've done with it.

"It's incredibly frustrating – the council are experiencing huge budget pressures, and incidents like this drains resources that should be elsewhere. Yes, there is a cost disposing of non-household waste, but it's not unreasonable, and why should every other household in the District bear that cost when it's just one home having the work done?"

**Cllr Guy Pannell, Ward Member for South Brent, added:** “The council has the power to fine fly tippers, or prosecute. I would urge local residents to keep an eye out for vehicles carrying large loads or acting suspiciously, and note down registration numbers if possible, but without putting themselves at risk.”

Householders have a responsibility to check whether people removing waste for them are properly licensed. In recent years there has been a rise in people offering to remove waste for cash payments, so called “Facebook Fly-Tipping.”

**Cllr Keith Baldry, Executive Member for the Environment at South Hams District Council, said:** “It’s very easy to check if someone has a waste carrier’s licence on the Gov.uk website. If you don’t check, and a fly tip is traced back to you, you could be fined up to £5,000. Always use a registered waste carrier to dispose of your waste – and if something seems cheap, ask yourself why it’s cheap.”

**Pamela Woods, Chair, Dartmoor National Park Authority** “National Parks are designated for their special qualities including their unique landscapes and wildlife; to see it being treated with such disregard for this is very sad. Not only does it have to be cleared up at expense to the council tax payer, we also have to think about the cost to the environment of such thoughtless actions. Some of this damage may remain long after the mess has been cleared up”

For more information about fly tipping, or to report one you have found, please visit [www.southhams.gov.uk](http://www.southhams.gov.uk).

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Attached images show the two fly tips at Dean Prior, taken on 12 July.

The fly tips were cleared on Thursday 18 July by contractors working for South Hams District Council.

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Please be aware that telephone calls to and from the Council may be recorded for training and monitoring purposes.

Attachments

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