## London Borough of Bexley

## News Release

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## **CRIMINAL LITTERBUGS NAMED AND SHAMED**

There have been more 150 successful prosecutions for littering in Bexley borough since the Council's environmental enforcement service started last October - with combined fines and costs for the culprits totalling over £56,000.

The Council takes a rigorous line against littering offenders and is not afraid to name and shame them.

Where an offender has decided not to pay the Fixed Penalty Notice after being caught littering, action has been taken through Bexley Magistrates' Court.

Cllr Peter Craske, Cabinet Member for Community Safety, Environment and Leisure said: "Our stance is firm on this. The Council will not tolerate this anti-social and criminal behaviour which blights our borough.

"Those taken to court generally end up paying a lot more than had they paid the initial £80 fixed penalty. On average, once taken to court, they are facing combined fines and costs amounting to over £350 each. On top of that they end up with a criminal record.

"Our message is clear - don't litter in our borough or you must face the consequences."

Attached is the list of those successfully prosecuted for littering in the London Borough of Bexley since October 2016.

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## Attachments

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- Successful Littering Prosecutions Successful Littering Prosecutions

