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Council secures more fly-tipping convictions

Two more fly-tippers have been successfully prosecuted by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council for illegally dumping waste in the borough.

At Basingstoke Magistrates' Court on Tuesday 2 February, Thomas Andrews, 24, of Station Road, Overton was ordered to pay a total of £445 after he pleaded guilty to fly-tipping at a recycling site at Overton Hill car park on 20 September 2020. The items dumped included rubbish bags filled with waste.

The financial penalty included a £276 fine, £85 towards prosecution costs, £50 in clear-up costs and £34 in victim surcharge.

Mark Halliday of Coventry Close in Basingstoke was also convicted after pleading guilty to fly-tipping offences. The 58-year-old was ordered to pay a total of £488 by Basingstoke Magistrates' Court for dumping bulky household items including mattresses and a bed base at the car park of Kempshott Village Hall, Stratton Park, Pack Lane on three separate occasions between 14 and 16 July 2020.

The council takes a zero-tolerance approach to fly-tipping and has successfully prosecuted 27 individuals or companies since May 2018.

Cabinet Member for Environment and Enforcement Cllr Hayley Eachus said: "Fly-tipping at our recycling sites or car parks is not acceptable and will not be tolerated. Signage clearly states what can be left in our recycling banks and this does not include large bulky items or bags of waste. We have successfully convicted 27 individuals or companies since May 2018 and we will continue to take a firm stance on those people who illegally dump items. The consequences of fly-tipping are serious and if a person is found guilty this can lead to a maximum five-year prison sentence. We will continue our work to stamp out this crime and encourage witnesses to support us by reporting incidents and providing information."

Fly-tipping offences can be reported to the council by calling 01256 844844 or by visiting www.basingstoke.gov.uk/flytipping to assist our investigations.

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