


# (Not So) Fly Tipping in the UK

 Rogue dumping of unwanted items in public spaces or open land is known as fly tipping. The practice is in contravention of the UK's Environmental Protection Act (1990) and thus illegal. It is also a nuisance to the public, a danger to wildlife, a potential health hazard and quite simply nasty.



LOCAL AUTHORITIES DEALT WITH OVER

# 711,000

INCIDENTS OF FLY-TIPPING IN 2012/13.



## 31%

of fly tipping incidents, **223,000**, were small van load size.

## 17%

of incidents, **124,000**, were recorded as single items, which would cover items such as furniture, mattresses etc.



## 3%

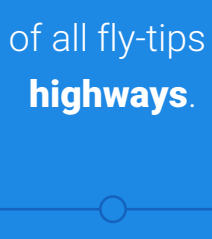
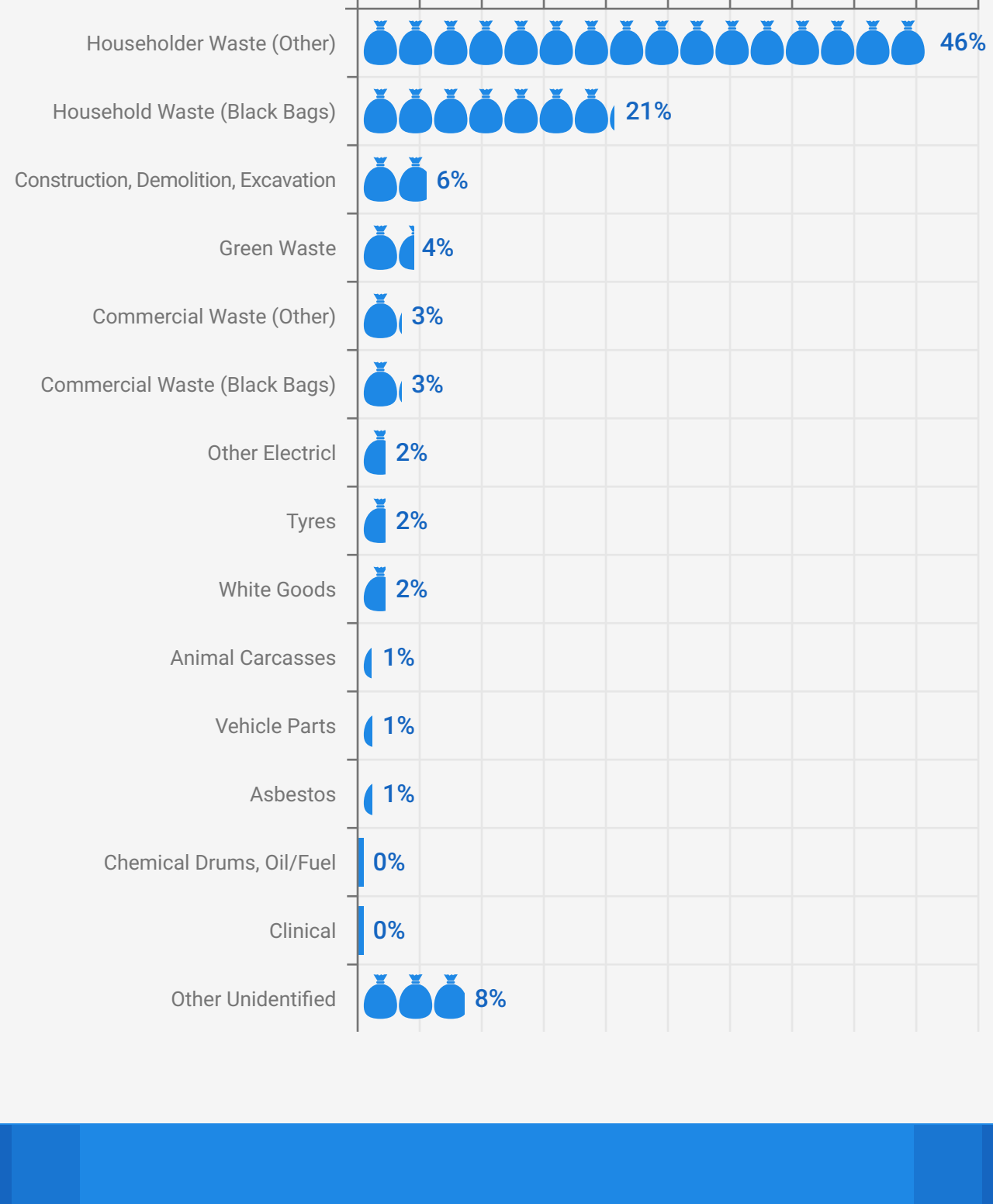
of fly-tipping incidents, **16,000**, were larger than a transit van load of waste.



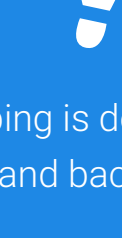
Over two thirds of incidents involved household waste.



## Fly-tipping incidents by waste type in England, 2012/13



Nearly **45%** of all fly-tips occurred on **highways**.

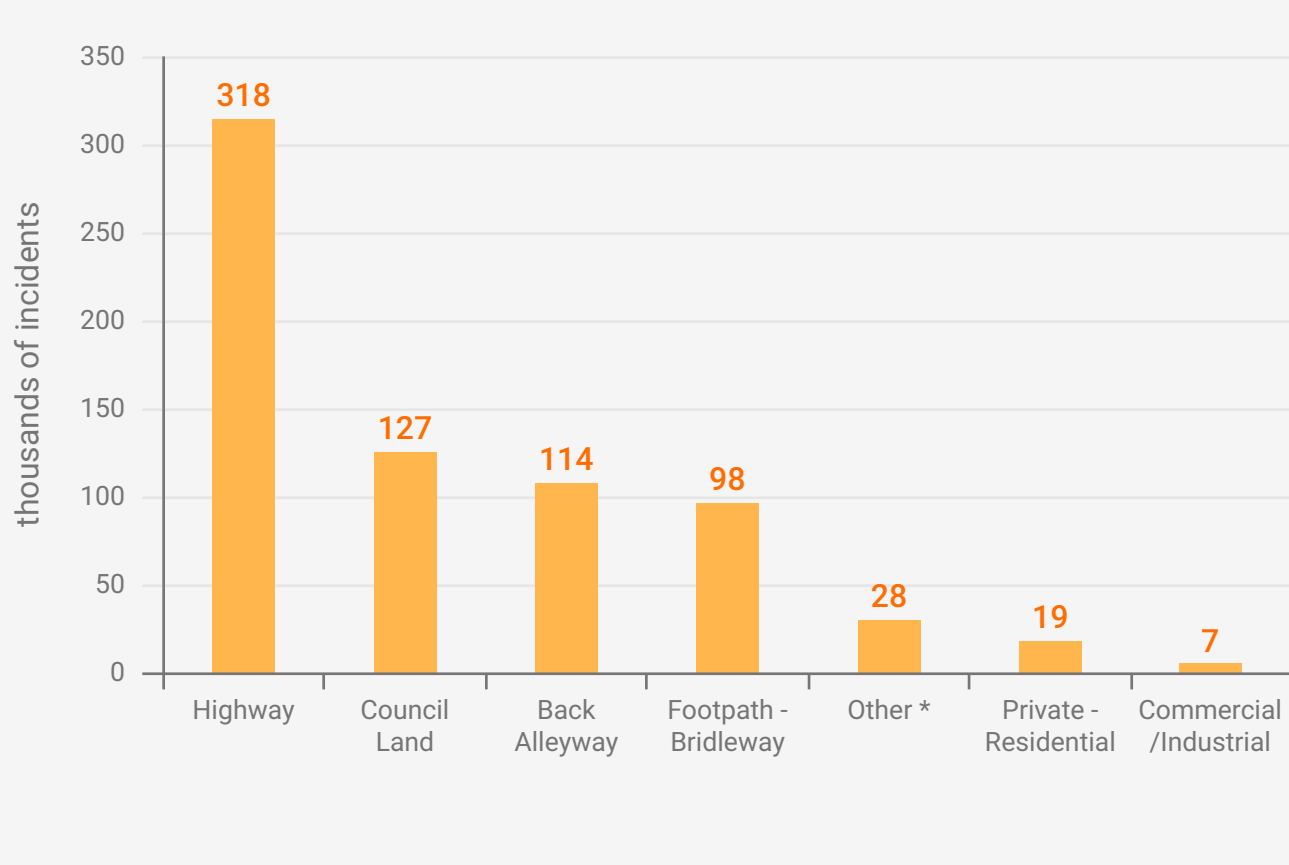


**20%** of all fly tipping is done on **footpaths, bridleways** and back **alleyways**.



Incidents of **fly-tipping** on footpaths, bridleways and back alleyways **increased** by **10%** in 2012/2013 (compared to 2011/2012).

## Fly-tipping incidents by land type in England, 2012/13



The estimated cost of clearance of fly-tipping to local authorities in England in 2012/13 was

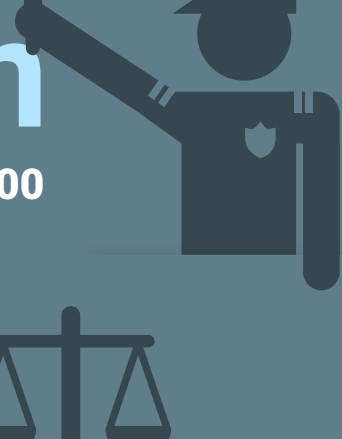
# £36.4 million



Add to this the

# £2.5 million

it cost local authorities to carry out **425,000** related **enforcement actions**.



There were over

# 2,200

prosecutions for fly tipping in 2012/2013.

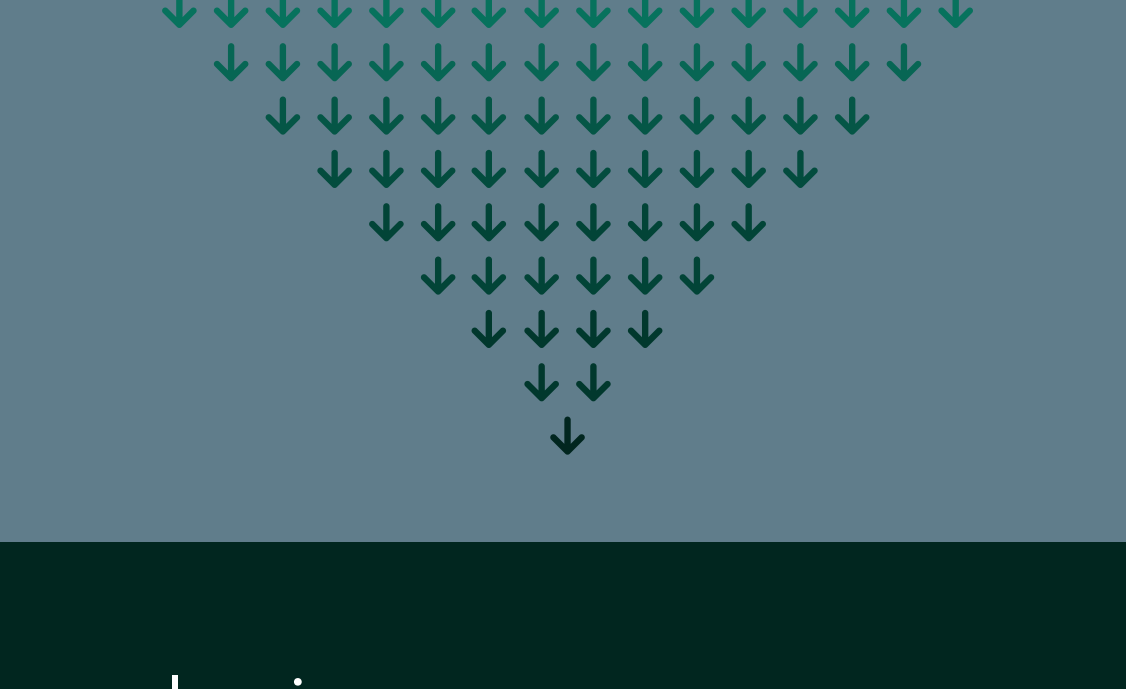
**99%** of resulted in a **conviction**.



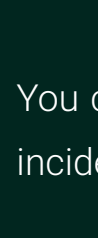
Overall fly tipping incidents **decreased** by

# 4%

2011/12 to 2012/13.



## Conclusion



Don't want to remove items yourself? **Clearance Solutions** provides quality clearance services throughout London and the South of England. Whether you need just a few items taken away, or a large property cleared from top to bottom, we are here to help.

You can report fly tipping in England and Wales to the **Environment Agency** incident hotline: **0800 80 70 60** (24-hour service).

## Source

Department of Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (2013) Fly Tipping Statistics for England (2012/13) [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk).

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