

# Flytipping Update

## Community, Partnerships and Wellbeing O&S Panel

14 March 2023

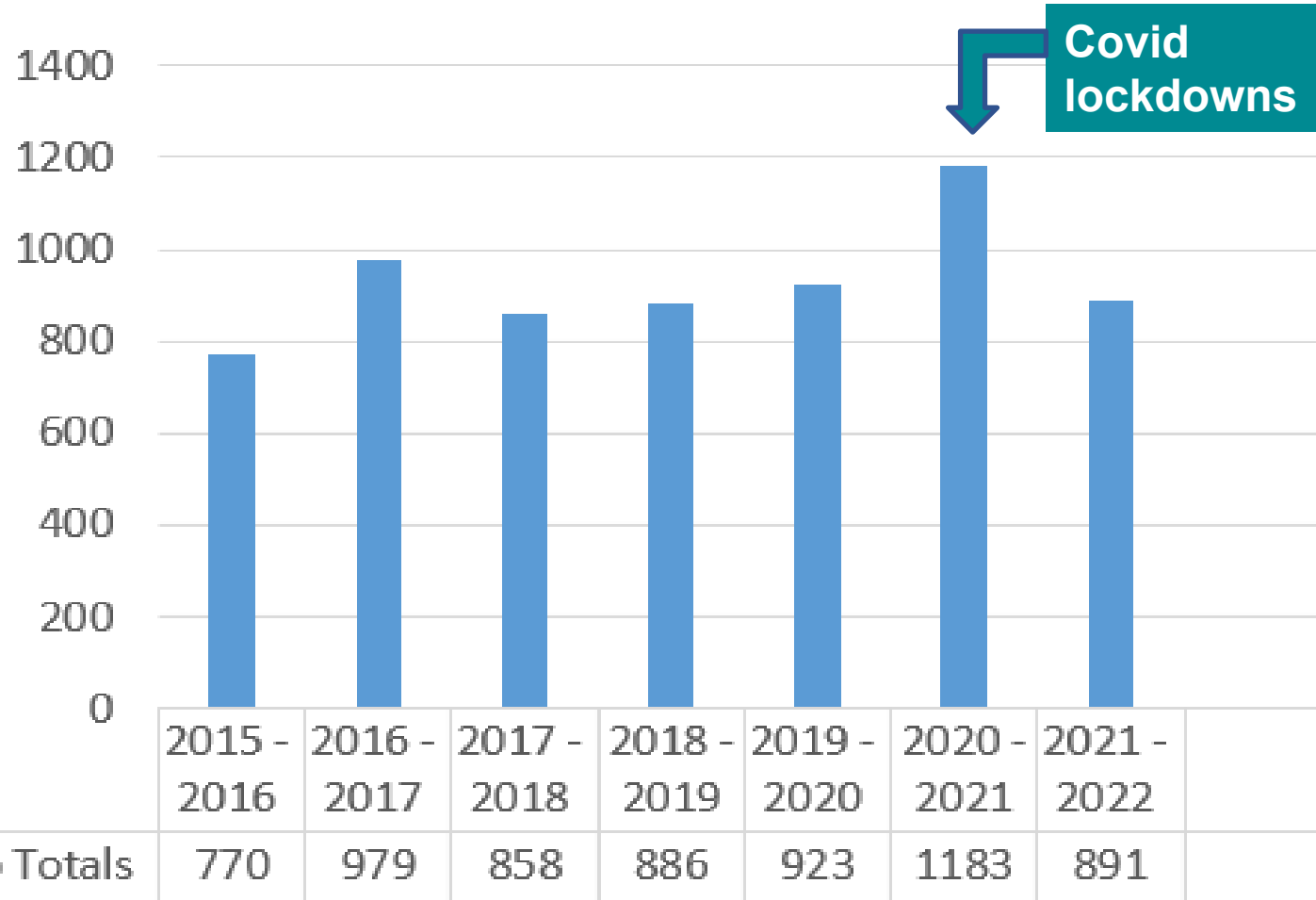
# Introduction

- November's Corporate Affairs and Local Economy Overview and Scrutiny Panel received a report from the Financial Strategy Task and Finish Group.
- It was requested that officers give periodic updates on combating fly tipping, including budget implications.
- This presentation identifies recent flytipping trends, and some of the actions being taken to combat this activity.
- NFDC will clear flytips from land which is our responsibility.
- Therefore, the data on the following slides does not include flytips on land that is the responsibility of Forestry England or Parish/Town Councils, or which is privately owned.
- Flytips are cleared by our Streetscene, mainly using caged vehicles of differing sizes.



# Flytipping - Customer Service Reports

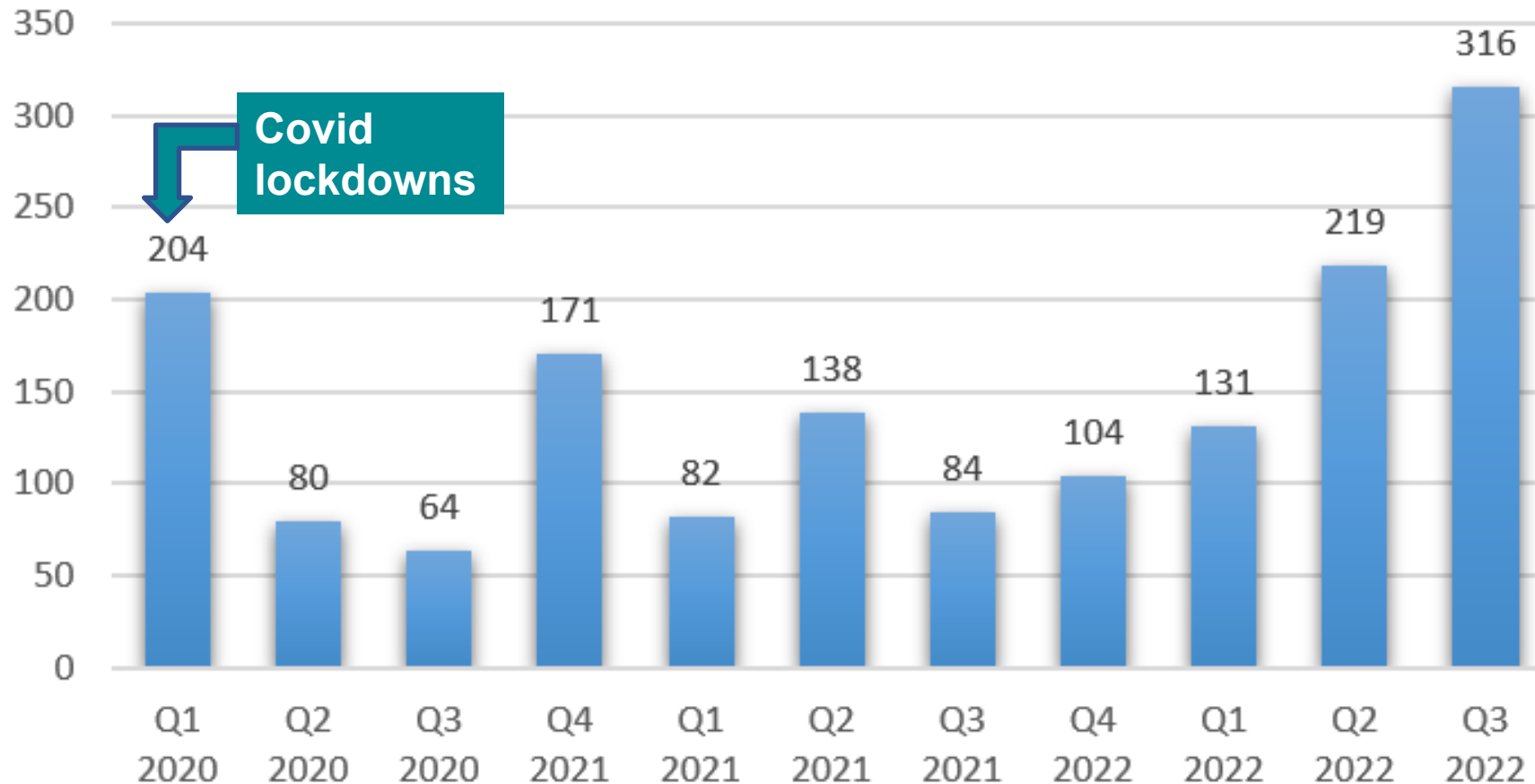
## CRM Flytip Totals



We can see no significant changes in CRM reporting, despite it now being easier to report issues via apps, emails etc.

# Flytipping – reported by operatives

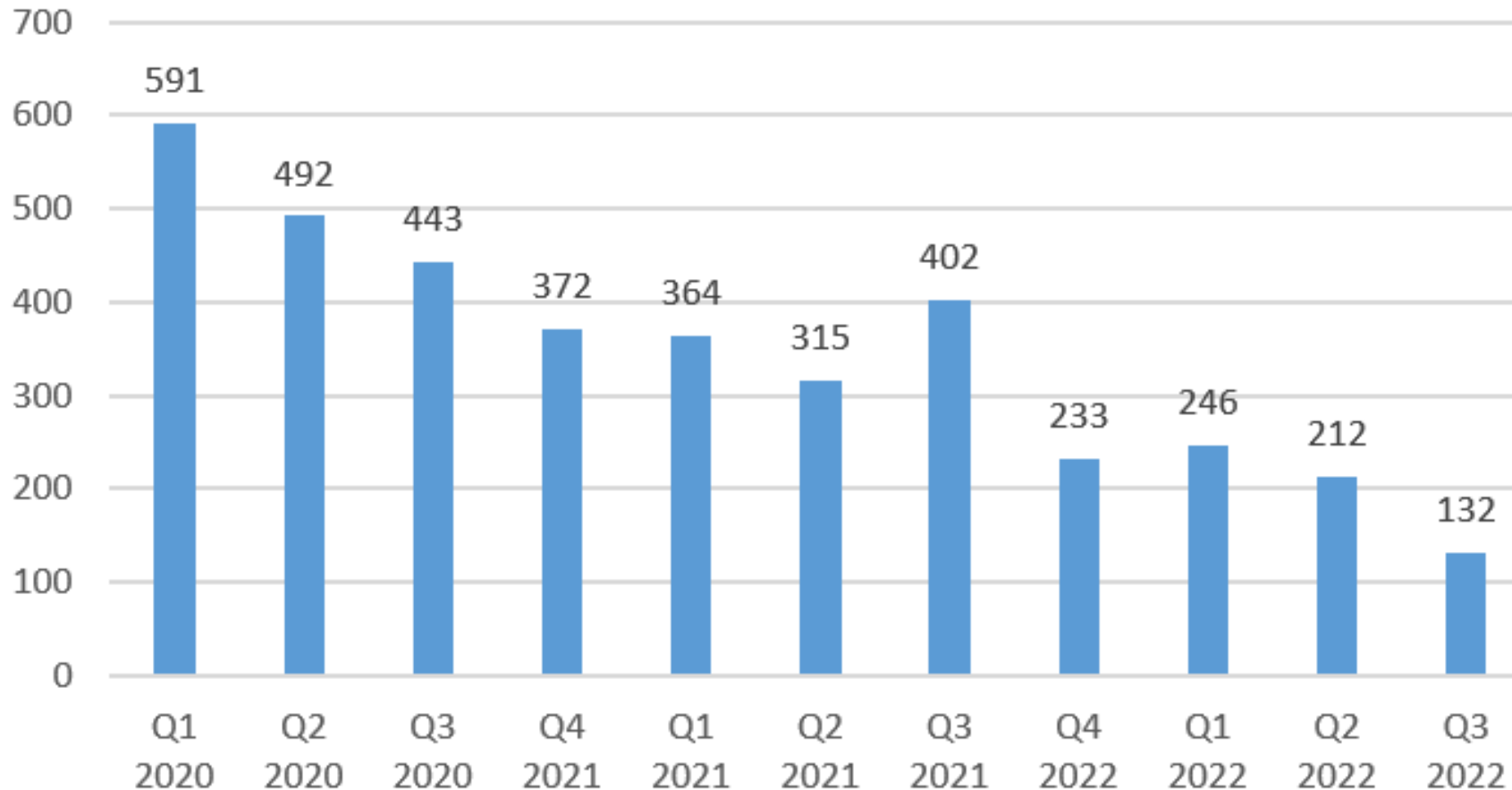
## Additional Fly Tip Collections



- During covid we saw a spike during the lock downs
- Streetscene teams are more proactive and improvements in developing the seven-day service.
- Increasing use of technology including smart phones, tablets etc.

# Flytipping – recorded at bring sites

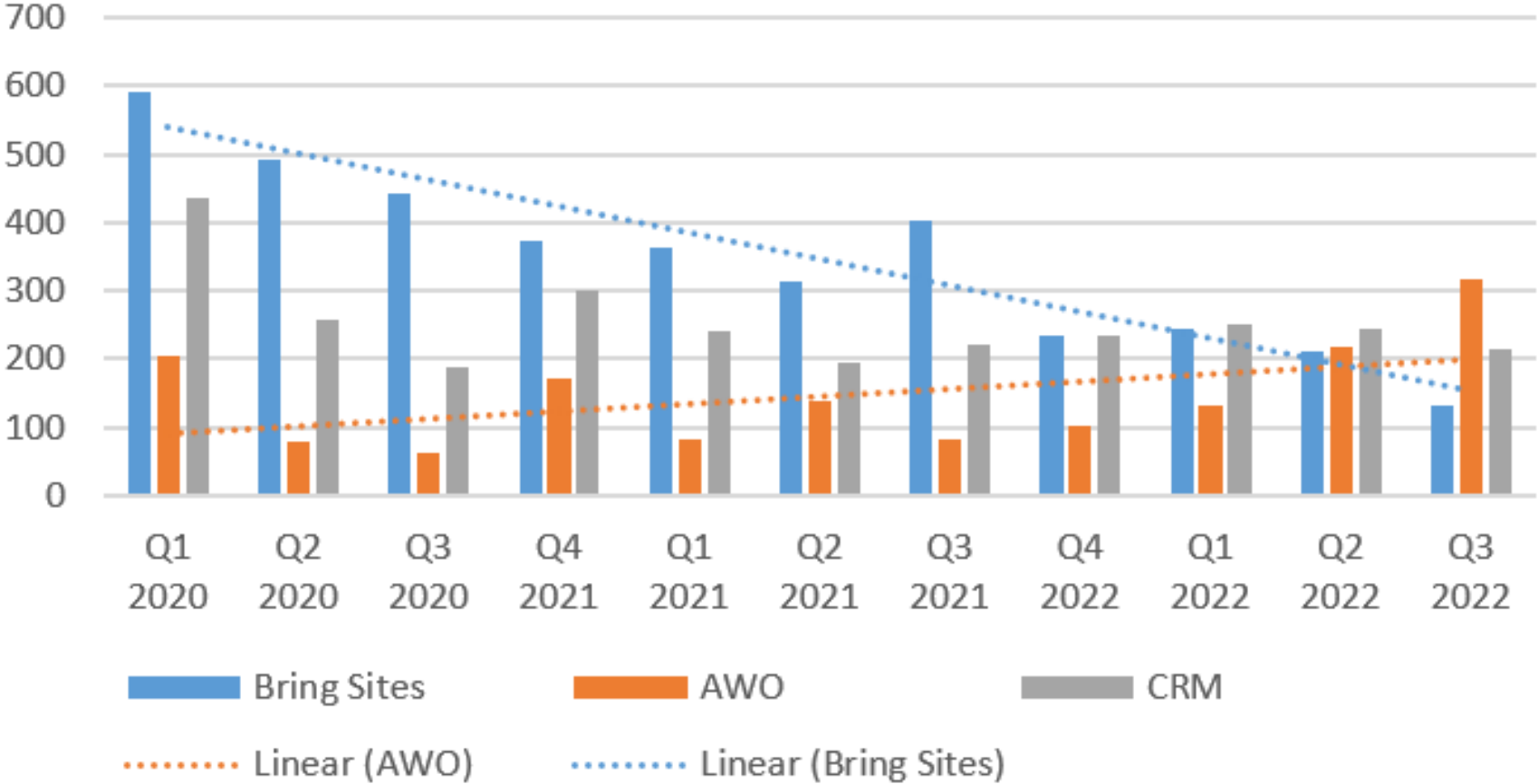
Bring Sites



- Peak during covid lockdowns, when HCC's Household Waste Recycling Centres were closed or with reduced service
- Bring sites have seen a reduction in fly tipping since concentrated monitoring and enforcement on sites

# Flytipping All Types

All Flytipping April 2020 - December 2022



Apparent correlation between reduction in bring site flytips and those reported by operatives on other land (Additional Works Orders).

# Cost of collecting flytips

- Difficult to ascertain because of mixed duties of operatives – i.e. flytipping, litterpicking, emptying litter bins etc.
- Cost to clear each flytip will vary depending on quantity, location and waste type.
- Defra produce some annual average costs for collecting flytips based on their size. Using these average costs, the cost of collection of flytips likely to be in the region of **£100,000 to £150,000.**
- Disposal costs are not included here – they are the responsibility of HCC.
- Total budget for dealing with litter and flytipping (22-23) – £1.7m.

# Flytipping – Ongoing and Future Challenges

- As of January 2023, all types of fabric seating now require a different collection method adding additional time to removal of flytipping
- We should expect future changes in legislation that will increase the challenges of fly tip collection due to waste classification change
- Increasing public interest in fly tipping and environmental impact
- Maintaining the balance between education and enforcement. Through the Govt's UK Prosperity Fund we are appointing a new Behavioral Insights post to drive behavioral change around litter and flytipping.

# Flytipping – Enforcement Actions

## Operation Wolf

- We work closely with the police and Forestry England to do regular ‘Operation Wolf’ commercial vehicle stop checks in specific places.
- The police have the power to stop vehicles .
- We are now seizing vehicles, suspected of illegally carrying waste, to disrupt criminals under “the Control of Pollution (Amendment) Act 1989.”
- NFDC have now seized two vehicles and the one pictured was scrapped.



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## Other enforcement:

- An Environmental Enforcement Officer attends all reports of fly-tipping in the NFDC area. When evidence of an offence is found perpetrators are contacted and fined or prosecuted.
- 234 FPN'S issued for waste offences in so far in 2022/23. These FPNs have a combined value of £36,000.
- Significant improvements in collecting evidence from fly tips from both street scene and enforcement and joint working. Improved enforcement training and proactive investigation.
- We are identifying suitable bring sites for CCTV deployment to continue to reduce the problem of bring site flytipping.



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