

I recently drove over to meet with ACSO Gary from Swanmore. As the Accredited Community Safety Officer he is highly experienced in the matters of fly-tipping.

He was thoroughly knowledgeable and a major advocate of having 'trap cameras' for the purposes of detecting criminal activity, specifically fly-tipping, in the Parish.

Why? - We have had a spike recently in fly-tipping, quite often in the same spots, but this has long been a problem in the Parish.

The principle is simple: we place cameras & signage in the Parish to some hot-spots, with landowner permission as necessary.

Safeguarding - Suggest we should not place anywhere where the camera would have visibility of houses/ buildings/ private gardens and nowhere near public recreation grounds, i.e. where you could film people at 'play'. I suggest we avoid main lay-bys used by many for a variety of purposes (as there will be a much wider range of activity caught here and could lead to additional theft-potential, but rather focus on the remote spots we have had fly-tipping occurrences.

It will be managed (i.e. footage reviewed) by 1-2 people, one of which I volunteer myself, to view footage in the event of a fly-tipping event occurring, and when we have in a similar period recorded footage. Gary expressly stated it should be maximum 2 persons, ideally just 1 person, but given the volunteer roles we undertake, I suggest 2 seems better and more balanced. Due to legalities, it will ONLY be those 2 people in the Parish to see it (ten escalates to Winchester City Council if evidence found).

Winchester City Council Involvement

Any instance of fly-tipping will result in the data (video/ images + other noted information such as a cursory inspection of any illegally deposited material on the road/ roadside) being shared with the Council for any further action, up to and including prosecution / fines.

Additional Measures

I suggest we can invest in specific signage, these can be applied in a much wider way across the Parish (but with a consideration to not putting too many up and becoming a 'blot on the natural environment/ views'. I have included this image below.

Approach to management of movement of the cameras - JH to work through - to be provided separately

What happens if they are stolen?

We can look at replacement (at additional cost) and look at additional methods for disguise and to place them further out of reach (e.g. use of a cherry picker etc).

Suggested Purchase & Initial Costs

Given this is initially a bit of an experiment, I suggest we buy low-mid range costs.

Three cameras. Circa £70-90 per camera + brackets (est. £25 each).

Cameras: $90 \times 3 = £270$

Brackets $25 \times 3 = £75$

All in I would suggest a budget of up to £345.

Comms

As they say prevention is better than the cure, to this extent I suggest we go on a comms campaign that Hursley Parish is fighting back against fly-tipping. Get local news involved, online etc. to spread the word. This may in itself have the kind of deterrent effect we are after,

Next steps

I would like us to vote at the next meeting on the approval. I believe the Clerk has already put this on the agenda.

I volunteer to go and buy them, and form a small crew of volunteers (from the Parish) to support on the physical placement/ moving / signage. It will be purposely be kept close-knit owing to not revealing to more than absolutely necessary where the cameras are placed!

Thanks, James.