

FOI REF:	16700
RESPONSE SENT:	11/03/2026

Request

I am investigating several apparent fly-tipped caravans / trailers reported in the Winchester district so far in 2026.

For the avoidance of doubt, I am using “caravan / trailer” to mean a towable caravan, camping trailer, box trailer, flatbed trailer, or similar towable unit left and abandoned on public land / highway or other land where the council took action as a fly-tipping or abandoned vehicle matter.

1) Incidents in 2026 (to today)

1. How many incidents involving an apparently dumped / fly-tipped caravan or trailer has the council recorded in the Winchester district from January 1st 2026 to February 9th 2026?

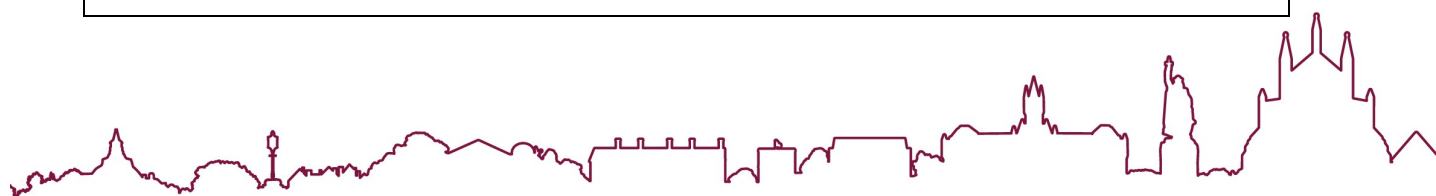
2. For each incident in that period, please provide (ideally in a table):

- date first reported / logged location (street / area or nearest description used on the case record)
- whether recorded as fly-tipping, abandoned vehicle, or another category (and which)
- outcome (removed by WCC / removed by landowner / moved by third party / no action, etc)
- date removed (if removed)
- direct cost to WCC (please break down if held, uplift, transport, disposal, contractor costs, storage, admin, etc are recorded separately)
- whether any attempt was made to identify an owner and whether any recovery of costs took place (yes/no is fine, plus amount recovered if recorded)

2) Were there others in 2026 at those locations?

3. Please confirm whether the council has recorded any other caravan / trailer dumping incidents in 2026. If yes, please provide the same incident details as requested in section 1.

3) Past five years totals and cost



4. For each of the past five years to today's date (i.e.: February 9th 2021 to February 9th 2022 February 9th 2022 to February 9th 2023 February 9th 2023 to February 9th 2024 February 9th 2024 to February 9th 2025 February 9th 2025 to February 9th 2026)

please provide:

- the number of recorded caravan / trailer dumping incidents in the Winchester district
- the total direct cost to WCC for those incidents in each period if recorded, the total amount recovered from owners / perpetrators in each period

(If your systems are set up by calendar year rather than the exact date ranges above, please provide calendar year figures for 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025, plus 2026 to February 9th 2026, and note the basis used.)

4) Procedure and policy

5. What is WCC's procedure for dealing with a dumped / fly-tipped caravan or trailer on:

(a) the public highway / verge / layby

(b) council-owned land

(c) private land Please include which team leads, typical steps (assessment, notices, timeframes), and how responsibility is decided between WCC and other authorities (for example Hampshire County Council as highway authority, or police).

6. Please provide any relevant written policy / guidance documents used by officers or contractors specifically relating to the removal, storage, disposal, and cost recovery for abandoned or fly-tipped caravans / trailers.



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Type	Date	Location	Recorded as	Outcome	Date of Uplift	Cost	Owner Traced
Caravan 1	08/01/26	Layby on B2177 Southwick Road, Southwick PO17 6JG	Abandoned Vehicle	Removed by WCC	14/01/26	£175.00	No
Caravan 2	23/01/26	Layby by Golf Course, Corhampton, SO32 3GZ	Abandoned Vehicle	Removed by WCC	04/02/26	£175.00	No

2) One more reported on the B2177 Southwick Road but in a different area. Reported on the 12/02/26 but found to have been removed as at 17/02/2026.

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Type	Date	Location	Recorded as	Outcome	Date of Uplift	Cost	Owner traced
Caravan 1	11/02/26	Layby on Portsmouth Rd, Fishers Pond, SO50 7HF	Abandoned Vehicle	Removed by WCC	24/02/26	£175.00	No
Caravan 2	12/02/26	B2177 Southwick Road, Corhampton, PO17 6ED	Abandoned Vehicle	Vehicle not located as removed	N/A	N/A	N/A
Caravan 3	24/02/26	Layby on Hoe Road, Bishops Waltham, SO32 1DU	Abandoned Vehicle	Removed by WCC	26/02/26	£175.00	No



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Feb 9 – Feb 9	Caravan	Horse Box	Trailer	Cost	Recovered
21-22	9	1	0	Information no longer held to identify	£0
22-23	8	0	2	Information no longer held to identify	£0
23-24	10	0	1	Information no longer held to identify	£0
24-25	13	0	4	£1750	£0
25-26	10	1	6	£2345	£0

5) In line with

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/abandoned-vehicles-council-responsibilities>

6) No separate policy or guidance documents for caravans/trailers.

