



# CIEH Waste Crime Conference

Half-day conference: Thursday 19 March 2026

09.15 **Registration and online login**

09.30 **Welcome and introduction**

Richard Fernandez, Head of Policy and External Affairs, Chartered Institute of Environmental Health

09.35 **Keynote session: Confronting illegal dumping: evidence, trends and challenge**

- An update around emerging trends and predicaments for the future

Speaker: Phil Davies, Head – Joint Unit for Waste Crime, Environment Agency

10:05 **Waste crime at a crossroads: The current landscape and front-line challenges**

- Exploring recent evidence on waste crime, highlighting lessons learned and opportunities to strengthen enforcement

Speaker: Richard Hudson, Chartered Resource and Waste Manager, Chartered Institution of Wastes Management

10:35 **Panel session: Breaking down barriers: Insights from industry experts**

- Discussing how local authorities can work in partnership to manage expectations and improve understanding of waste crime

Speakers:

- Dr Anna Scott, Director of Services, Keep Britain Tidy
- Ayeisha Kirkham CEnvH, Head of Service, South Kesteven District Council
- Philippa Arnold, Environmental Policy Advisor – Waste, National Farmers Union

11:15 **Comfort break & sponsorship videos**

11:45 **Tackling waste crime in practice: lessons from local authority action**

- This session will explore how to target waste crime through seizing vehicles

Speaker: Chris McAvoy, Head of Enforcement and Community Safety, London Borough of Havering

12:25 **Waste crime sentencing in practice**

Speaker: Victoria Molloy, Solicitor Advocate - Prosecutions, South Tyneside Council

13:05 **Rural waste crime in focus: from emerging risks to effective outcomes**

Speaker: Ayeisha Kirkham CEnvH, Head of Service, South Kesteven District Council

13.45 **Closing remarks**

13.50 **End of conference**

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