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Basingstoke man fined after fly-tipping household waste at recycling site

A Basingstoke man has been ordered to pay a total of £728 after he was convicted of fly-tipping household waste items at one of the borough's recycling centres.

Thomas Skipp, aged 55, of Clere Gardens, Basingstoke, pleaded guilty to the offence at Basingstoke Magistrates Court on Tuesday 22 June. He was fined £400, ordered to pay £328 in costs and will now have a criminal record.

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council prosecuted Mr Skipp after a witness saw him depositing several items of household waste including a radiator, a vacuum cleaner, two folding garden chairs at Lychpit Centre, Great Binfields Road, Basingstoke, on the morning of 3 June 2020.

Cabinet Member for Recycling, Waste and Regulatory Services Cllr Hayley Eachus said: "We will continue to take a zero tolerance approach to anybody who fly-tips at recycling sites. The offence carries a maximum five years' imprisonment at Crown Court. As a result of his actions, Mr Skipp has now got a criminal record.

"This prosecution should act as a clear reminder to everybody that the borough's recycling sites are for recycling only. Any waste that is dumped on the ground at these sites is considered to be fly-tipping and a prosecution will follow wherever possible."

Since May 2018, the council has convicted 31 individuals and companies for fly-tipping and related waste offences.

Fly-tipping can be reported to the council by calling 01256 844844 or by visiting www.basingstoke.gov.uk/flytipping

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