

Joined up working to combat fly-tipping – Network Rail, Walsall

Network Rail and British Transport Police, supported by Walsall Council, are working together to crack down on the local fly-tipping that has been leaving hundreds of tonnes of rubbish dumped next to the track. Fly-tipped rubbish is highly dangerous in the trackside environment – not only does it look unsightly to travellers and commuters, it causes a potential danger and disruption to transport services and carries health and safety implications for the Network Rail staff who have to clear it up.

“It can interfere with track circuits and larger items could even derail a train and we have to spend thousands of pounds clearing up the mess.”

To help keep tracksides clear in Walsall, regular patrols are made by British Transport Police to deter fly-tipping. A confidential phone line is available through which fly-tipping can be reported, which will also help police in seeking prosecutions.