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Peterborough City Council has successfully prosecuted five Peterborough residents for fly-tipping.

Amanda Fisher, of Howland, Orton Goldhay, Caterina Boschetto, of Collingham, Orton Goldhay, Stephen Cooper, of Sunnymead, Werrington, Sebastian Mika, of Hampton, Peterborough and Alberta Correia de sa, of Orton Goldhay, pleaded guilty at Peterborough Magistrates Court.

Fisher was fined £50 based on her means, ordered to pay £400 costs towards the investigation and clear up and a £20 victim surcharge. She was interviewed by Peterborough City Council after a member of the public contacted the council to report they had seen her dump two sofas in Howland, Orton Goldhay. Peterborough City Council obtained a written statement from the witness and Fisher was interviewed under caution. Under caution Fisher admitted responsibility for dumping the sofas.

Boschetto was fined £75 based on her means, ordered to pay £380 costs towards the investigation and clear up and a £20 victim surcharge. She was interviewed under caution after Peterborough City Council found evidence of her name and address amongst 20 bags of household waste in Collingham, Orton Goldhay. Under caution Boschetto admitted responsibility for dumping the waste.

Cooper was fined £180, ordered to pay £275 costs and a £20 victim surcharge. He was interviewed under caution after evidence obtained via CCTV linked him to dumping paint cans in Werrington, Peterborough. Under caution Cooper admitted responsibility for leaving the paint cans at the location they were found.

Mika was fined £300, ordered to pay costs to Peterborough City Council of £170, compensation to Circle Housing of £276 and a £30 victim surcharge. Under caution he admitted responsibility for leaving bags of waste and items of furniture at a location in Hampton.

Correia de sa was fined £90, ordered to pay costs of £150 and a £20 victim surcharge. Under caution she admitted to the unlawful deposit of controlled waste at a location in Hanbury.

Peterborough City Council pursued these enforcement cases as each was deemed to be in the public interest. Fisher, Boschetto, Cooper and Correia de sa all pleaded guilty on Friday 6 March. Mika pleaded guilty on Monday 23 February. The residents had to pay out almost £2,500 in fines, costs and victim surcharges in total.

Councillor Gavin Elsey, cabinet member for street scene, waste management and communications said: "We are committed to keeping Peterborough clean and green, but sometimes it feels like were fighting a battle. We have to clear around 8,000 fly tips each year and it costs us a fortune.

"Fly-tipping is a crime, plain and simple. If we find evidence of fly-tipping and believe we can successfully prosecute we will take perpetrators to court.

"Peterborough is a great place to be and we want to keep it that way. If you do fly tip, please stop, it is a nuisance and it costs us money. If you see anyone tipping give us a call on 747474 and we will do all we can to catch people in the act and bring them to court."