GREAT YARMOUTH BOROUGH COUNCIL PRESS RELEASE

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Great Yarmouth Borough Council brings flytipping and dog fouling prosecutions

Two people have been prosecuted by Great Yarmouth Borough Council for antisocial activity.

Simon Marsh, 33, of Newnham Green, Gorleston, admitted dumping about a dozen bags of rubbish in Hopton and was fined £253. He was also ordered to pay a victim surcharge to the council of £101, compensation of £269.24 - to cover clearance of the waste - and costs of £381.

On March 5, Great Yarmouth Magistrates Court heard complaints had been received last August about flytipping in Longfullans Lane, Hopton. When the rubbish was searched, correspondence was found that was traced to Marsh's home address.

The court was told that, when interviewed under caution, Marsh admitted dumping the bags of rubbish. He was subsequently charged under Section 33 of the Environmental Protection Act.

At Great Yarmouth Magistrates Court on March 5, Nigel Aldridge, 70, of Thieves Lane, Attleborough, admitted an offence under Great Yarmouth's Public Space Protection Order of failing to clear up after a dog had fouled.

The court was told the council had received a complaint last June that someone had failed to clear up after their dog in California Road, California. CCTV footage identified Aldridge as the offender.

Aldridge was fined £40, ordered to pay a victim surcharge of £16 and costs of £200.

A spokesperson for Great Yarmouth Borough Council said: "The council will always seek to prosecute those who blight our communities by fly-tipping, dog fouling and other anti-social behaviour.

"These offences damage our environment and have an impact on the community and should not be tolerated. We are always grateful to people who report offences to the council so that we are able to take appropriate action.

"We would urge people to contact us to report incidents via email at <u>environmentalrangers@great-yarmouth.gov.uk</u> or by calling 01493 847478."