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The director of a waste haulage company and a landowner have been ordered to pay £6,435 for illegally depositing thousands of tonnes of waste on farmland near Tiverton.

In 2016 CB Plant Hire was contacted by a third party to use land off the A361 for the disposal of waste. The site, near Redhills Farm, Upplowman, is owned by Stephen Dibble of Bycott Farm, Halberton.

Following complaints, an Environment Agency officer visited the site and found waste being deposited on a large scale. Dibble had already partially filled a valley with waste. There was every indication he intended to continue depositing waste.

Dibble confirmed he was using the waste imported by CB Plant Hire to return land formerly known as Tiverton Motocross back to agricultural use.

A waste exemption allows landowners to reuse up to 1,000 tonnes of soil and subsoil for specific purposes. But it was revealed Dibble had accepted over 23,500 tonnes of waste at Tiverton Motocross and lacked planning permission from Devon County Council.

Dibble said his farm business had been struggling financially and that he didn't feel he'd done anything wrong, as he had been relying on advice from third parties.

Marie Sinead Berry, a director of CB Plant Hire, whose company transported the waste to the Tiverton Motorcross site, admitted she had failed to carry out her normal duty of care checks and had 'taken her eye off the ball'.

Richard Tugwell of the Environment Agency said:

It is essential haulage contractors and landowners are fully aware of their responsibilities when using waste and take action to ensure they stay within the terms of a waste exemption.

This was a sustained abuse of an exemption for financial gain.
Importing more than 23 times the maximum amount of waste to this site changed the appearance of the landscape.

Appearing before Exeter magistrates, Marie Sinead Berry, of Moorhayes Farm, Uffculme, Cullompton, was fined £120 and ordered to pay £3,500 costs after pleading guilty to between 16 May 2016 and 7 September 2016 operating an unauthorised waste disposal facility on land previously known as Tiverton Motorcross, Sampford Peverell, Tiverton, contrary to regulations 12 (1) and 38(1)(a) Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016.

Stephen Dibble, of Bycott Farm, Halberton was fined £265 and ordered to pay £2,490 costs after pleading guilty to the same offence.

Both defendants were also ordered to pay a victim surcharge of £30 each. Berry referred to herself in court by her maiden name, Ms Sinead Gallagher. The case was heard on 7 June 2019.

[Information and events for British citizens in Germany](#)



Since June 2017, the British Embassy, our Consulates and our partners have run over 55 information events across Germany and online, for UK nationals living and working here.

These events provide a forum for you to raise the questions that directly affect you.

We are planning to continue our outreach events in cities across Germany in the second half of 2020. In the meantime, you can send us your questions during one of our Facebook Q&As or via our [contact form](#).

Upcoming events

Date	Event	Further details
Tuesday 8 December 2020, 5 pm – 6.30 pm	Online forum for UK veterans and serving personnel living in Germany, run by SSAFA, the Armed Forces Charity, in cooperation with the British Embassy Berlin	Advance registration required by 1 pm on Monday 7 December 2020.
Monday 11 January 2021, 5 pm – 6.30 pm	Facebook virtual drop-in session	

Outreach events are free of charge and open to all interested UK nationals. Registration is necessary for meetings, to ensure that the number of participants does not exceed the venue's capacity.

To protect your privacy and that of other attendees, we ask that you refrain from recording information events and we do not admit reporting press.

[View the previous events we have held across Germany](#)

For the latest updates on issues and information events in your area:

Useful links

- [guidance on residence documentation for UK nationals in Germany](#)
- [guidance for UK nationals living in Europe](#)
- [Federal Ministry of the Interior's FAQs on residency and citizenship](#)
- [booklet for UK nationals](#) (PDF, 782KB, 20 pages) – the Withdrawal Agreement: your rights and actions you need to take
- key facts and actions [handout for UK nationals](#) (PDF, 137KB, 2 pages) living in Germany
- [summary of Facebook Drop-In Session – 23 November 2020](#) (PDF, 1.09MB, 68 pages)
- [summary of Facebook Drop-In Session – 1 September 2020](#) (PDF, 693KB, 35 pages)
- [summary of Facebook Drop-In Session – 30 June 2020](#) (PDF, 264KB, 26 pages)
- [summary of Facebook Drop-In Session – 25 May 2020](#) (PDF, 862KB, 49 pages)
- [summary of Facebook Q&A – 10 February 2020](#) (PDF, 951KB, 67 pages)
- [summary of Facebook Q&A – 14 January 2020](#) (PDF, 337KB, 27 pages)
- [summary of Facebook Q&A – 21 October 2019](#) (PDF, 1.29MB, 50 pages)
- [summary of Facebook Q&A – 6 August 2019](#) (PDF, 807KB, 72 pages)

Previous events across Germany

2020

Date	Event
23 November	Facebook Virtual Drop-In Session – summary above
28 September	Virtual Info Evening for UK nationals in Germany
1 September	Facebook Virtual Drop-In Session – summary above
30 June	Facebook Virtual Drop-In Session – summary above
25 May	Facebook Virtual Drop-In Session – summary above
23 March	Facebook Virtual Drop-In Session
10 February	Facebook Q&A – summary above
14 January	Facebook Q&A – summary above
9 January	Dresden

2019

Date	Location
2 December	Paderborn
24 October	Munich
21 October	Facebook Q&A – summary above
15 October	Hamburg
10 October	Frankfurt
1 October	Düsseldorf
30 September	Berlin
6 August	Facebook Q&A – summary above
21 June	Berlin
17 May	Hanover
30 April	Berlin
15 April	Bad Kreuznach
28 March	Düsseldorf
4 March	Berlin
13 February	Cologne
22 January	Hamburg
14 January	Munich
11 January	Dresden

2018

Date	Location
18 December	Berlin
13 December	Heidelberg
13 November	Bremen
31 October	Essen
29 October	Kiel

Date	Location
8 October	Düsseldorf
2 October	Frankfurt
19 September	Paderborn
23 August	Berlin
25 July	Stuttgart
18 July	Nuremberg
21 June	Frankfurt
16 May	Hanover
16 May	Leipzig
2 March	Stuttgart
27 February	Munich
13 February	Berlin

2017

Date	Location
29 November	Hamburg
29 November	Finkenwerder
15 November	Senelager
7 November	Berlin
28 September	Cologne
6 September	Kiel
30 August	Düsseldorf
3 July	Munich
23 June	Berlin
19 June	Frankfurt

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1. 3 December 2020

Find registration instructions for SSAFA outreach event on 8 December in 'upcoming events' section

2. 18 September 2020

Join our virtual info evening for UK nationals in Germany on Monday 28 September

3. 9 July 2020

Summary of the questions and answers from latest Facebook Drop-In Session (30 June) uploaded

4. 25 June 2020

Updated version of the handout for UK nationals and September Facebook Q&A date added.

5. 19 February 2020

Summary of questions and answers from Facebook Q&A of 10 February 2020 uploaded

6. 21 January 2020

See the 'Useful links' section for the summary of questions and answers from the Facebook Q&A on 14 January 2020.

7. 6 January 2020

Brexit update: Register for citizens outreach meeting in Dresden (9 January) and send us your Brexit questions during our Facebook Q&A (14 January).

8. 18 December 2019

An outreach event in Dresden on 9 January 2020 has been added.

9. 18 November 2019

Register for the citizens outreach meeting in Paderborn on 2 December.

10. 31 October 2019

Summary of Facebook Question and Answer session of 21 October 2019 uploaded

11. 14 October 2019

Brexit update: Join our Facebook Q&A on Monday 21 October

12. 10 October 2019

Registration is now open for our Open Evening for #UK nationals in #Munich.

13. 27 September 2019

Brexit update: Register for citizens outreach meetings in Frankfurt (10 October) and Hamburg (15 October).

14. 17 September 2019

Registration details for outreach events: Berlin – 30 September
Düsseldorf – 1 October

15. 14 August 2019

EU Exit update: Summary of Facebook Q&A on 6 August 2019 added

16. 29 July 2019

Brexit update: New event – Facebook Q&A, 6. August, 1-2 pm on

@BritsInGermany Facebook page

17. 19 June 2019

EU Exit update: New event in Berlin on Friday 21 June

18. 8 May 2019

New event in Hanover on 17 May 2019 added

19. 15 April 2019

EU Exit update: two new information events in Berlin on 30 April 2019

20. 5 April 2019

EU Exit update: New Information event in Bad Kreuznach on 15 April 2019.

21. 14 March 2019

EU Exit update: New information event for UK nationals in Düsseldorf on 28 March

22. 14 February 2019

EU Exit update: Information event in Berlin, 4 March. Registration instructions.

23. 1 February 2019

EU Exit update: New information event in Cologne 13 February

24. 23 January 2019

New information event added in Berlin on the 4 March 2019

25. 8 January 2019

New event added in Hamburg on 22 January 2019

26. 14 December 2018

New event for British citizens in Dresden on 11 January 2019 added.

27. 10 December 2018

Additional outreach event for British citizens in Munich in January 2019.

28. 9 November 2018

Updated with new event in Heidelberg

29. 2 November 2018

New event in Berlin added

30. 19 October 2018

We have added the registration links for the upcoming events in Essen and Bremen.

31. 17 July 2018

Updated, to include new event in Berlin.

32. 5 July 2018

Registration details added for events in Nuremberg and Stuttgart.

33. 23 May 2018

Updated information with new events

34. 8 May 2018

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Research and analysis: Enterovirus: strain characterisation

Graphs showing cumulative strain characterisation data for enterovirus.