

WALLEYS QUARRY

PRESS INFORMATION

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Title: On-going Site Management

Landfill operations have continued in the area of the western flank, following relocation in late December. This area is within the landfill boundary and fully permitted for the acceptance of waste. The operational area continues to receive wastes from vehicles discharging directly at the tipping face and those materials deposited from the on-site transfer pad. This enables arriving vehicles to be accommodated on site when arriving in peak numbers, ensuring efficient operations are maintained.

As part of our ongoing management of the site, we engage a specialist contractor to manage the potential impact from vermin at the facility and, in particular birds. During the winter months birds tend to congregate around landfills (in general), due to their slightly elevated temperatures over the surrounding areas. To reduce the impact of this, we increase the frequency of visits from specialist contractors during winter, to ensure the appropriate level of control is in place.

To manage bird numbers, we use a range of techniques to discourage birds from flocking at the site. This may typically see us use birds of prey, associated deterrents (lures) and audible bird noises, aimed to disperse the birds by mimicking a predator being in the area. We use these deterrents in much the same way as airports do which is sporadically so that those bird, we wish to control do not become immune to the particular method being used. Additionally, the use of noise can be deployed, to deter birds from accumulating, again methods to control bird presence at airports. We have several techniques we can use including the use of audible bangs generated from "gas-gun" and, if needed the use of specially designed bird-scaring rockets. This represents industry best-practice and is both humane and non-harmful.

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Notes to editors:

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About Walleys Quarry:

Walleys Quarry in Newcastle-Under-Lyme, Staffordshire is a landfill site, offering safe disposal of waste that cannot otherwise be re-used or recycled.