

Public Protection Enforcement Report –
1 December 2025 – 30 June 2026

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Summary

This report details the action taken by the Environmental Enforcement Team (EET) with regard to licensing issues between 1 December 2025 & 30 June 2026.

Breakdown of enquiries received

Between the months of December 2025 & June 2026, the team received a total of 5 enquiries relating to licensing issues.

These are broken down into two areas;

- i. General Street Trading
- ii. Scrap Metal Dealers

Responses and Outcomes



The team received a total of 4 enquiries relating to general street trading. 2 reports were received from members of the public, 2 were proactive reports raised by officers.

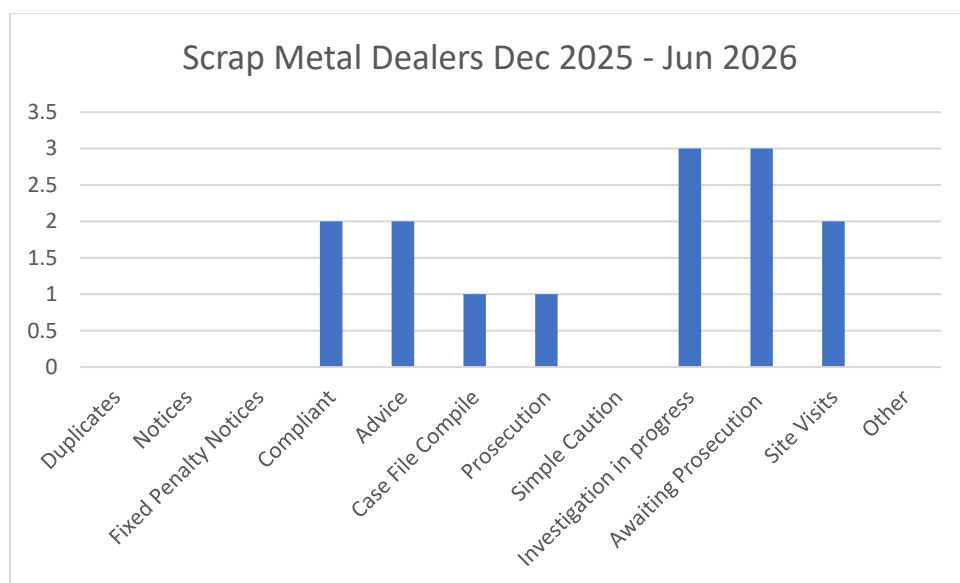
Of these, 3 cases were deemed to be compliant. This meant that the street traders in question held all relevant and valid licenses to trade. This figure represents 60% of the total.

1 case was resolved by offering advice, meaning that the team managed to secure compliance from offenders in 25% of those cases requiring enforcement without the need to take formal enforcement action.

1 case was passed over to other teams, Noise & Nuisance, Food & Safety and Trading Standards, to investigate.

No prosecutions were necessary.

Since the beginning of December 2025, there have been 7 Saturdays or Sundays where officers have proactively worked in attempting to identify illegal street trading across Medway, with 61 areas inspected. This included high streets & known areas where street trading had been observed.



The team received 1 public enquiry relating to scrap metal dealers. 11 scrap metal issues have been proactive enquiries via Op Assist, including 2 site visits. A monthly operation working with Medway Police Neighbourhood Police Unit.

Of these,

2 cases were deemed to be compliant. This meant that individuals / site held the correct licenses and documentation required.

Advice was given out in 2 cases.

This left 7 cases where enforcement investigations are currently being or have been undertaken.

It has been necessary to instigate proceedings for 5 cases.

1 case has been prosecuted, with a fine of £200, Costs of £462 & victim surcharge of £80 being awarded. This was for an unlicensed scrap metal collector offence.

3 are currently with legal services for review / prosecution. All are for unlicensed scrap metal collectors.

1 case is currently having a case file for prosecution raised for prosecution.

3 cases are currently under investigation including 1 site.

There have been 2 site visits undertaken, with Kent Police. 1 site was found to be compliant; an investigation is ongoing with the second site.

There have been 5 Op Assists carried out on either a Saturday or Sunday, since the beginning of December 2025, to target illegal scrap metal collectors / waste carriers.