

LENDING OUT YOUR VEHICLE COULD LAND YOU IN TROUBLE

WHAT HAPPENED?	A charity Chief Executive has been prosecuted for loaning a vehicle to someone who used it to fly-tip waste. A court heard that on or around 13 April 2016 an individual linked to the charity illegally deposited waste in Swiss Valley and Clifton Terrace, Llanelli. The Chief Exec loaned the vehicle to the individual, who had already been prosecuted by Carmarthenshire Council. The individual was provided with a tipper truck and a phone which had the phone number that is printed on flyers for we-garden-landscape-anything. com which undertakes general landscaping, paving, fencing and we move anything.com which deals with house clearance, rubbish, hardcore and garden waste removal. According to the defendant, the individual would be paid directly by customers and the money passed to the charity which has a lower tier waste carriers licence issued by the Environment Agency. At intervals between May 16 and June 7, 2016, waste was seen deposited on the yard adjacent to Chooselife, and two oil drums were also seen burning in the yard. The total cost to the council for the removal and disposal of waste illegally deposited at Swiss Valley and Clifton Terrace was £467.85
OUTCOME	The Chief Executive was given a 12-month conditional discharge and ordered to pay $\pounds400$ costs
CONTEXT	An environmental permit needs to be in place which allows for the keeping or treating of such waste contrary to S.33 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990
WHAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN DONE DIFFERENTLY?	Waste has to be carried by a registered waste carrier and deposited at a permitted or exempt facility that is permitted or exempted to take the waste.