



Fly tipping epidemic sees area 'full of rats' with 'disgusting' smell entering homes

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A neighbourhood has been hit by a fly tipping 'epidemic' leaving mounds of rubbish on the streets. Locals say their homes are being invaded by a 'disgusting' stench.

The desolate scene with skips overflowing and countless bin bags dumped across the streets in the Griffin area of Blackburn, Lancs.

The pictures show household rubbish, medication bottles, furniture and needles which were discarded on Agnes Street, Hardman Street and Rodney Street.

Blackburn and Darwen Council had only cleared out part of the rubbish last week, but mountains have already been dumped again.

Skips have also been overflowing for months, with stench of faeces and expired foods permeating the air.

A number of unnamed residents have said that people are driving in at night and dumping their rubbish in the neighbourhood.

One resident Lubna Rashid, 47, said her six children refuse to leave their bedrooms as their living room has been 'ravaged by rats' due to the accumulation of rubbish on the street.

The single mum, said the 'shocking' fly tipping has been going on for around six months.

Lubna, a student, said: "There is so much garbage in the street.

"It's disgusting now and it's full of rats.

"It's so terrible, it smells terrible in the street.

A council spokesperson said: "Our household waste recycling centres are open and we currently offer residents of the borough over 3,400 booking slots each week.

"Our officers will always do their best to respond to reports of rubbish dumping or fly-tipping and we have recently been in this area to remove previously reported fly-tipping.

"We will be investigating these latest incidents."