

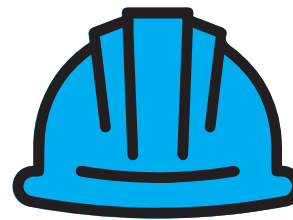
Metal Crime Week of Action

12-16th October 2020



Vehicle Dismantlers visited

More than **45** partners involved.



449

Scrap metal dealers visited



29

Arrests made



Loads of stolen property recovered

Other disposals



129



150

Number of offences identified



Mobile Collectors/ vehicles stopped

Key Messages of the Week of Action were:

Metal theft continues to be a focus nationally and, together with our partners, we are committed to tackling all forms of this crime.

- Police, along with other agencies, remain vigilant of a resurgence based on supply and demand.
- We are working with our partners to share intelligence and coordinate activity to detect and disrupt those operating in this field. We are working together to understand the scale of the crime across the UK and responding through prevention, education and enforcement.

- We encourage people to report any suspicious activity to the police by calling 101, or 999 if an offence is in progress. If you spot something on the railway, **contact BTP by texting 61016 or calling 0800 40 50 40**. Reports of metal crime should be made as soon as possible to increase the chances of the perpetrator being apprehended.

- Tackling the crime is about prevention as much as detection. We encourage people to remain vigilant and consider security measures to protect metal assets.

