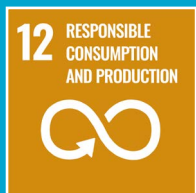




**Resource:** Resource 4 – Scotland’s Waste  
**Text:** This matching activity encourages you to think about waste and Scotland’s litter problem. It is a social science and science task.  
**Suitable for:** S1-S2  
**Approximate time:** 10 minutes  
**Curriculum links:** SOC 3-08a, SCN 2-20b  
**SDGs links:** 12, 13





Scotland collects  
50 Kelpies' worth  
of litter every year

x50



Or, in other words...

475

items of litter dropped  
every minute.



# The amount of litter in Scotland

That is equal to:



15,000  
tonnes



250 million  
items



50 pieces  
of litter  
per person in Scotland

### What's on our streets?

The most commonly littered items in Scotland:



Gum  
and gum  
wrappers



Cigarette  
butts and  
packaging



Drinks  
containers



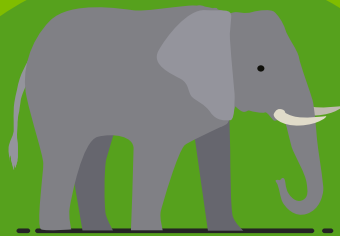
Food  
and food  
packaging



Other

Source: Composition of litter in Scotland 2016, Keep Scotland Beautiful report.

## 15,000 tonnes of litter is equivalent to:



2,777  
Adult male Asian elephants



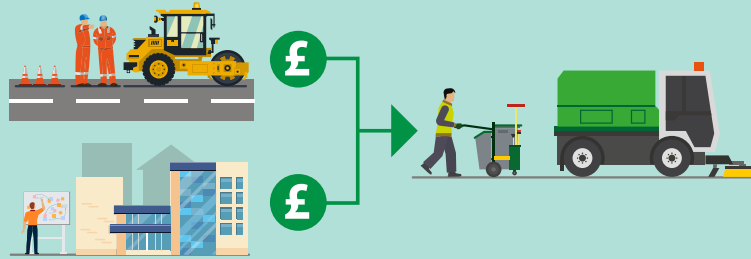
10,791  
European passenger cars



200,000  
washing machines



Litter on our streets forces local authorities to divert public money away from other public services like schools and roads.



Every year Scotland spends at least **£46 million** cleaning up after our litterers...

Litter:  
we're all  
paying for  
the clean-up

...that's around £20.00 for each taxpayer.



# Scotland's Waste

Read our waste factsheet. Can you match the waste with the amount?



250 million items

x50

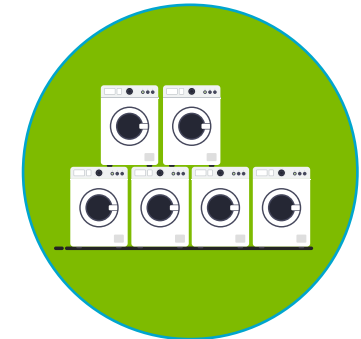


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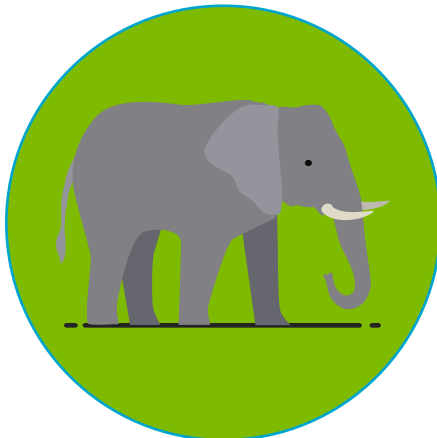
475 items of litter



200,000



15,000 tonnes



50 pieces of litter  
(per person in Scotland)



# Scotland's Waste

## Answers

