

FOI Request - Graffiti Removal Costs - 101003995814

Response from Housing, Property and Communities:

- a) Total number of graffiti instances reported in 2025 = 8
- b) Total number of graffiti instances resolved in 2025, e.g. cleaned/removed = 8
- c) Total council spending on graffiti removal/cleaning in 2025 (if the exact spend isn't available, how much was budgeted?) = £5,508.83
- d) Total council budget for graffiti removal/cleaning in 2026 = £1,278.95 spent to 31 March 2026
- e) Estimated typical response time for Council to remove/clean graffiti after it is reported = Average – 5 working days

Response from the Car Parks team:

- a) 8
- b) 1
- c) £390.00. Please note this related to specialist contractor works to paint over graffiti. There is no specific allocated budget for graffiti cleaning/removal.
- d) There is no specific allocated budget for graffiti cleaning/removal and I am not sure if this is relevant to the request, but in 2026 I introduced a more cost-effective approach to covering graffiti where we now purchase paint directly from our supplier, and the work is carried out free of charge through Community Payback services. This approach has generated savings compared to previous contractors costs.
- e) Where graffiti is considered offensive (racist or sexual content), this is normally removed within 24 to 48 hours. Non-offensive graffiti is generally assessed on a case-by-case basis and may be left in place.

Response from Waste team:

- a) 0
- b) 0
- c) 0
- d) No separate budget, would come out of street cleansing budget.
- e) 48 hours