

“ **PPP** ”

People for Proper Policing in North Wales

Government Car Crushing Waste Scandal Must End

This story from **The Association of British Drivers** at www.abd.org.uk

It seems that every day we hear of vehicles being seized and crushed by various government departments including police, customs and excise, local authorities and trading standards. The ABD asks why these vehicles are not being auctioned off to raise funds.

ABD spokesman Nigel Humphries explains:

"Vehicles are seized by various government departments for a variety of reasons. They may be untaxed, uninsured, illegally parked or used in unlawful activities. However, whatever the reason for seizure and whatever the value of the vehicle the outcome appears the same:-crushed regardless. Yet many of these vehicles have considerable value, either complete or as parts. It is scandalous that government departments are not taking advantage of this valuable resource to subsidise often expensive seizure operations."

Recent examples of 'seize and crush' include:

45,000 uninsured vehicles nationally in the first nine months of this year

10,000 cars crushed by Manchester Police alone.

A £30,000 classic Bristol crushed by Lambeth council

ABD chairman Brian Gregory commented:

*"Even if the 45,000 uninsured vehicles crushed only had an average value of £50 that is still a question mark over more than **£2.25 million** of untapped resources."*

ABD Environment spokesman Ben Adams said:

"This government is so venomously anti-car, that confiscated vehicles are thoughtlessly crushed out of sheer spite. They claim the environment to be their top priority yet it appears they are encouraging the mindless destruction of huge resources of used parts that could be recycled and destroying serviceable cars. The latter creates an unnecessary environmental cost of manufacturing vehicles."

The PPP comments This is just another example of the big brother Police State in action. There have also been many cases of perfectly innocent drivers having their cars crushed.

A recent case in the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) in the Hague is also food for thought for anyone receiving a NIP for a traffic offence will know.

Goto ... www.righttosilence.org.uk

