



Whittlesey Town Council Update

May 2019

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Street Pride and Community Groups

During April, Whittlesey Street Pride held 2 litter picks as well as continuing maintenance to existing projects.

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At their AGM, the group discussed the various gateway projects they have which require maintenance and planned the locations of their next 7 litter picks.

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Environmental Health

The Environmental Health Team had a marked increase in pest complaints come in regarding both residential and commercial premises. As the weather gets warmer residents tend to eat more outside their home and waste food can attract vermin. Mice and rats in particular have shown the biggest increase. These pests can carry illnesses such as salmonella and Weil's disease so keeping areas as free as possible is the aim.

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Officers can offer advice and undertake inspections upon request to provide support, keeping risks to a minimum.

Whittlesey and surrounding villages Performance Report : April 2019	
Food Safety Inspection Plan:	
Number of food safety interventions completed	8
Number of Food Safety Warning Letters/ Notices sent	2
Number of Food Safety Advice letters sent	6
Food Hygiene Rating Scheme	
Number of Food Safety Premises whose score went UP	0
Number of Food Safety Premises whose score went DOWN	2
Number of Food Safety Premises whose score STAYED THE SAME	6
Requests for Service	
Total number of Requests for Service received in 2019 /20	35
Number of Requests for Service received in April 2019	35
Number responded to within 5 working days	35

Streetscene

Performance	
Total time out and about on patrol in the local community:	41hrs
Number of cleansing inspections carried out:	15
Percentage of cleansing inspections found to be of a suitable standard:	100%

Tidy Fenland, Green Dog Walkers

Street Scene has been out with the Green Dog Walkers on a group walk around the Manor. Whilst out we only saw 1 pile of fouling which was removed. The green looked really clean and the group were pleased to see that the responsible dog ownership message was being heard.

The group have an active Facebook page which offers tips on being a responsible dog owner. It also has links to the Council website where information can be given to help the team on patrol areas. The chair of the group is also in regular contact with the Council so that we can update each other on the group's activities and ways to complement each other's work.

Continuing the Green Dog Walker's campaign we have now installed the dog bag dispenser at the Manor field. Its location was decided by the group to ensure it is in the right place. Hopefully having access to dog bags will make even those who have forgotten their own bag pick up after their pets. We will monitor how successful it is.

Additional patrols have been carried out in the Memorial Garden, The Bower, St Mary's Church Yard and The Walk.

Tidy Fenland, Fly tipping

The total number of fly tipping instances recorded for the month of March 2019 was 168

This, broken down into areas, is as follows:

- Chatteris 14
- March 17
- Whittlesey 12
- Wisbech 51
- Villages 74
- Total 168

The majority of the fly tipping was household related; with 94 instances. 18 were vehicle related, and 7 commercial waste.

Officers have attended 4 fly tipped sites to search for evidence these include household waste dumped along the Green Wheel, Dry Bread Road and Funthams Lane. Unfortunately no evidence was found but a service request was raised to remove the waste as soon as possible to avoid attracting further fly tipping.

Enforcement actions

In April, 16 littering cases were heard at Peterborough Magistrates Court. All were found guilty of littering and fined an average of £446.50.

Officers have also issued 30 FPNs this month for littering. 24 in Wisbech, 5 in Whittlesey and 2 in March.

Street Scene Issues

- 4 abandoned vehicles were reported in Whittlesey this month. On investigation they were found to not be abandoned.

Planning Enforcement

Performance	
Service Requests received in APRIL 2019	4
Total number of Service Requests in 2019-20	4
Cases Closed this month	5
Notices Served	0

In relation to the 5 cases closed: ✓

- In 2 cases no breach was found
- In 2 cases there was voluntary action by the owner / occupier to address the issue of concern
- In 1 case it was not expedient to take any action as the deviation from the approved plans (windows , doors and drive way materials) would be likely to get planning permission if applied for

Open Spaces

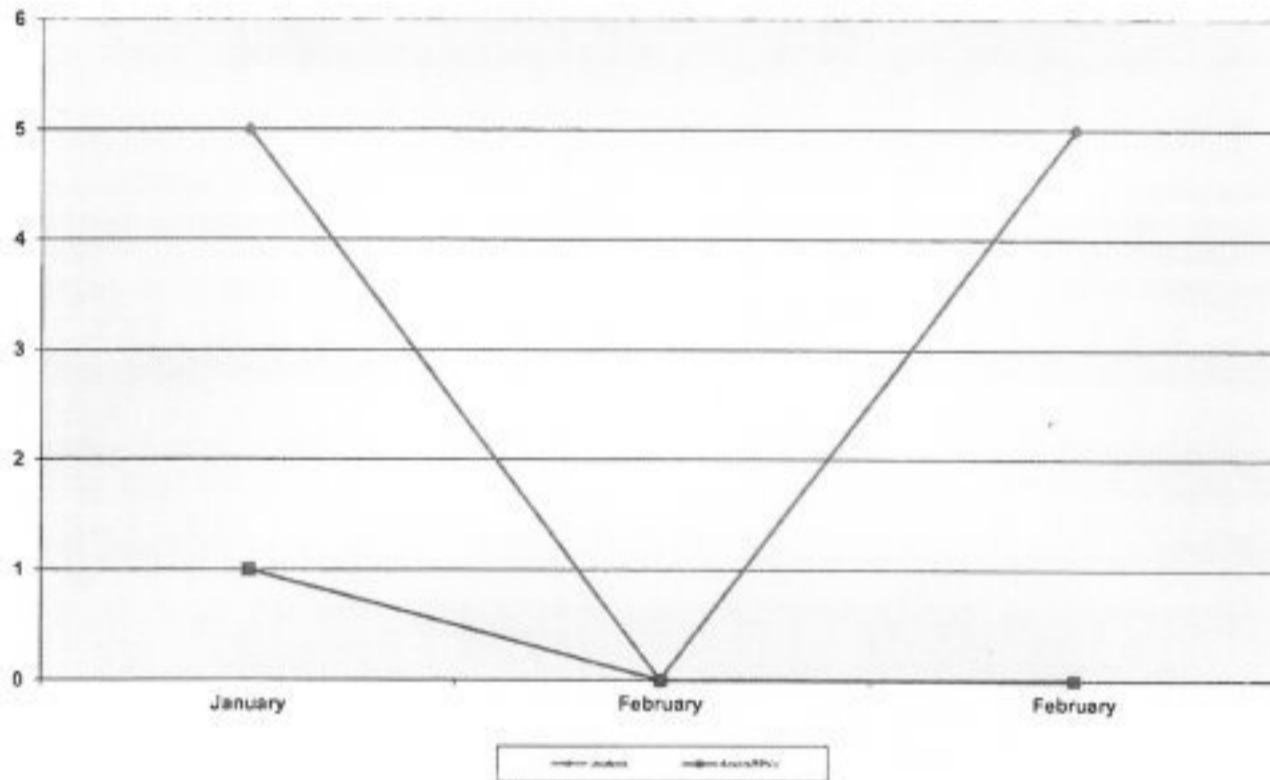
A relatively mild late winter/early spring has seen Tivoli progressing well with seasonal works particularly around shrub beds, leaf clearance and moss removal from hard surfaces. Flower beds were prepared and composted for the introduction of sustainable planting (duly completed in April) and expectations are high for a successful long-term project. Additional watering has taken place as a result of seasonally untypically good Easter weather.

Grass cutting season commenced in the first week of March for the cemeteries (cut and collect) and all went well with good weather again assisting at the right time. Cutting of the parks and other associated areas has also gone ahead as planned.

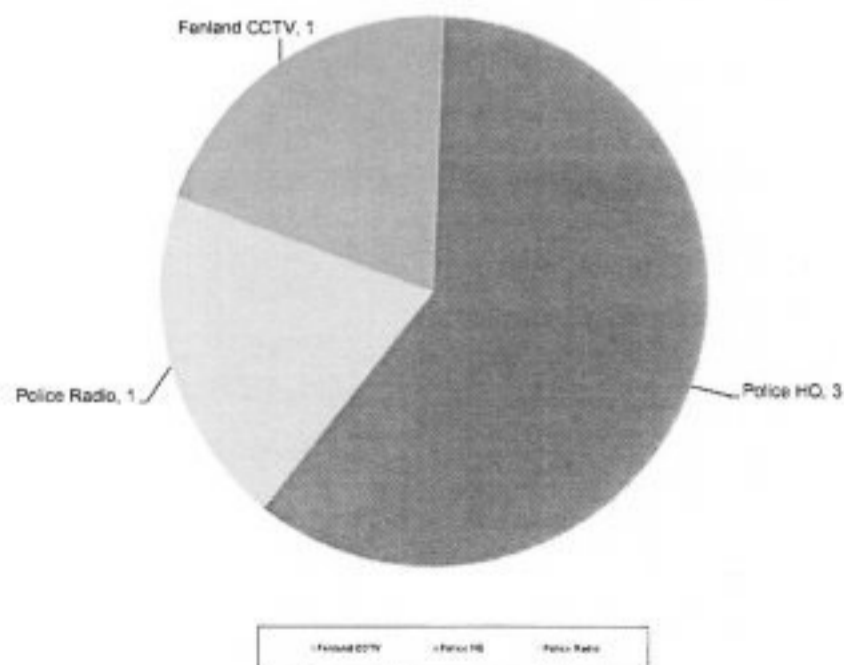
Manor field looks has received its first cut although the section nearest the Bower has remained waterlogged for some time. Damage to the surface of the play area in Station Road has now been addressed and the area has been fenced off with repairs to the surface due imminently. Remedial work to the perimeter wall at St Mary's Church has commenced. Work to replace the Water Tower play equipment commenced on April 15th.

Whittlesey Town Council CCTV update March 2019

Number of Incidents and Arrests for Whittlesey From January - March



Incidents by Call Source for Whittlesey for March



Data Chart of Performance Figures for previous three months

	January	February	March	Total
Total Incidents Recorded (Whittlesey only)	5	0	5	10
Arrests / Fixed Penalty Notices (Whittlesey only)	1	0	0	1
Media Reviews Conducted (All Towns)	16	16	23	55
CCTV data taken as Evidence (All Towns)	6	8	13	27
CCTV Patrols Completed (All Towns)	332	300	316	948

The above data is based upon incidents and arrests recorded by Safer Fenland CCTV and data supplied by Cambridgeshire Constabulary, to provide the most accurate figures possible at the time of publishing.

Incident Highlights for March

Incident 1

10th March 2019 at 16:20hrs, The CCTV team observes two persons in a parked vehicle at the Manor Leisure centre possibly using an illegal substance. Police Control is informed and live images are provided. The vehicle leaves the area after a short period.

Incident 2

29th March 2019 at 09:59hrs, Police Control requests CCTV observations on a security cash transit vehicle after a reported alarm notification from the vehicle. The CCTV team locates the vehicle and the security staff with the vehicle; all appears in order. Police Control is informed and live images are provided. Police Control advise it is a false activation so observations can be cancelled.

Incident 3

30th March 2019 at 23:49hrs, Police Control requests CCTV observations on a licensed premise on Market Street after a report of a disturbance within the premises. The CCTV team conducts observations on the premises and nothing untoward observed. Local officers attend and details are taken from persons within the premise.