



## Whittlesey Town Council Update

September 2019

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### **Street Pride and Community Groups**

August was a busy month for Whittlesey Street Pride. As well as conducting three litter picks and maintenance to the rose garden, they also had a promotional stall at the Lattersey Nature Reserve Open Day where they could showcase the types of activities that the group get involved with.

It's not all work and no play though! On 17<sup>th</sup> August volunteers from the group held their annual BBQ. This time of year is great for the volunteers to celebrate their hard work and mix socially.

### **Environmental Health**

Officers from Environmental Health on a routine site visit in Friday Bridge uncovered thousands of pounds worth of illicit tobacco and fake Golden Virginia sachets with duty paid on them.

Police and HM Revenue and Customs partners were notified. Police attended and seized the goods.

The partnership arrangement supports the Fenland tobacco alliance objectives of reducing the availability of illicit tobacco and reducing smoking levels.

Whittlesey and surrounding villages Performance Report : August 2019	
<b>Food Safety Inspection Plan:</b>	
Number of food safety interventions completed	6
Number of Food Safety Warning Letters/ Notices sent	0
Number of Food Safety Advice letters sent	6
<b>Food Hygiene Rating Scheme</b>	
Number of Food Safety Premises whose score went UP	1
Number of Food Safety Premises whose score went DOWN	0
Number of Food Safety Premises whose score STAYED THE SAME	5
<b>Requests for Service</b>	
Total number of Requests for Service received in 2019 /20	223
Number of Requests for Service received in August 2019	34
Number responded to within 5 working days	33

## Streetscene

Performance	
Total time out and about on patrol in the local community:	119 hrs* July & August
Number of cleansing inspections carried out:	30 inspections
Percentage of cleansing inspections found to be of a suitable standard:	100%

### Green Dog Walkers

Green Dog Walkers continues to be a success. While out on our dog patrols at the Manor, we are still receiving good feedback from users of the open space about the dog bag dispenser. Members of the Green Dog Walkers have advised that they have seen a reduction in dog fouling and have been regularly meeting up for group dog walks. These have proved very popular and a good social opportunity. Any fouling they see is removed and they actively build a rapport with other dog walkers to talk about the campaign to increase pledgers. A further 3 have signed up which is great! We are pleased that this continues to be a friendly approach to tackling dog fouling and there has been no confrontation. The amount of bags being used in the dispenser has been steady, suggesting that people are not abusing it or emptying it all out in one go.

A promotional event took place at Lattersey Nature Reserve on the 24<sup>th</sup> August fouling concerns about dog fouling in the area. This went well and was supported by members of the Green Dog Walkers and Street Scene.

Additional patrols continue to be carried out in all open spaces, the Memorial Garden, The Bower, St Mary's Church Yard and The Walk. We continue to visit Feldale Lakes, Coates, as it has become a busier location for dog walkers. All signs here have been refreshed and the lakes river bailiff has our details to report any issues.

### Tidy Fenland - Fly tipping and Duty of Care

The total number of fly tipping instances recorded for the month of August 2019 was 149. Broken down into Towns and Villages, is as follows:

- March 25
- Chatteris 8
- **Whittlesey 2**
- Villages 53
- Wisbech 61
- Total **149**

Fly tipping cases for the Whittlesey area breakdown by villages is:

- Eastrea 0
- Coates 2
- Turves 3
- Benwick 0
- Ponders Bridge 1

### **Tidy Fenland – Enforcement**

In August the hearing of a fly tipping case took place at Peterborough Magistrate's Court. The prosecution followed a lengthy investigation into five separate large incidents of fly tipping in Long Drove, Whittlesey. The offences took place between December 2016 and October 2017.

On 19 August 2019 Peterborough Magistrate's Court heard how Asif Hasham, Sole Director of Cozy Properties (based in Peterborough), was found responsible for fly tipped waste originating from a number of his rental properties. The waste included household items such as furniture, clothing and general rubbish. As well as materials used for growing cannabis.

Streetscene Officers undertook detailed investigations into the company's activities and called Mr Hasham for formal interviews, one of which he eventually attended. Mr Hasham was unable to provide evidence of correct disposal of waste for 9 properties managed by Cozy Properties or for waste found belonging to his personal address and the former address of his wife.

On 19 August the District Judge presiding the case found Mr Hasham and Cozy Properties guilty of all 5 offences. Mr Hasham had been unable to provide any mitigation for the actions, or evidence of waste disposal arrangements or indeed any other link for all the tenants and properties involved.

At sentencing on the 4<sup>th</sup> September Mr. Hasham was personally fined £1,500 in respect of each charge (£7,500 in total). With Cozy Properties ordered to pay the Prosecution's full costs (£15,446.23), and £1,000 compensation for the clean-up costs.

This was a really great result and a reflection of the hard work carried out by Sally Mitchell, Andrew Brown and Layna Warren from the Street Scene Team

Kingdom Officers issued a total of 23 Fixed Penalty Notices for littering. Broken down into areas:

- Chatteris 3
- March 6
- Wisbech 14

During August 2 individuals were prosecuted for Litter offences at Peterborough Magistrates court. Both were found guilty and fined a total of £446.50.

## Abandoned Vehicles

- In August 8 abandoned vehicle reports were investigated. All were removed by persons unknown following Notices.
- Officers also responded to 2 nuisance vehicle reports, including a Caravanette for sale next to the Doctors Surgery on the A605. We have been able to establish who the owner was and speak with him to get it removed.

## Street Scene Actions

- Additional patrols have been carried out to monitor the Kings Dyke Layby as part of the project with the portaloo.
- Mooring enforcement patrols have been carried out at the Council owned moorings near the Manor.
- 15 x Fly posters were removed from the town.
- A dead Tree was removed from the cemetery

## Planning Enforcement

Performance	
Service Requests received in August 2019	5
Total number of Service Requests in 2019-20	24
Cases Closed this month	0 (14 in year to date)
Notices Served	0

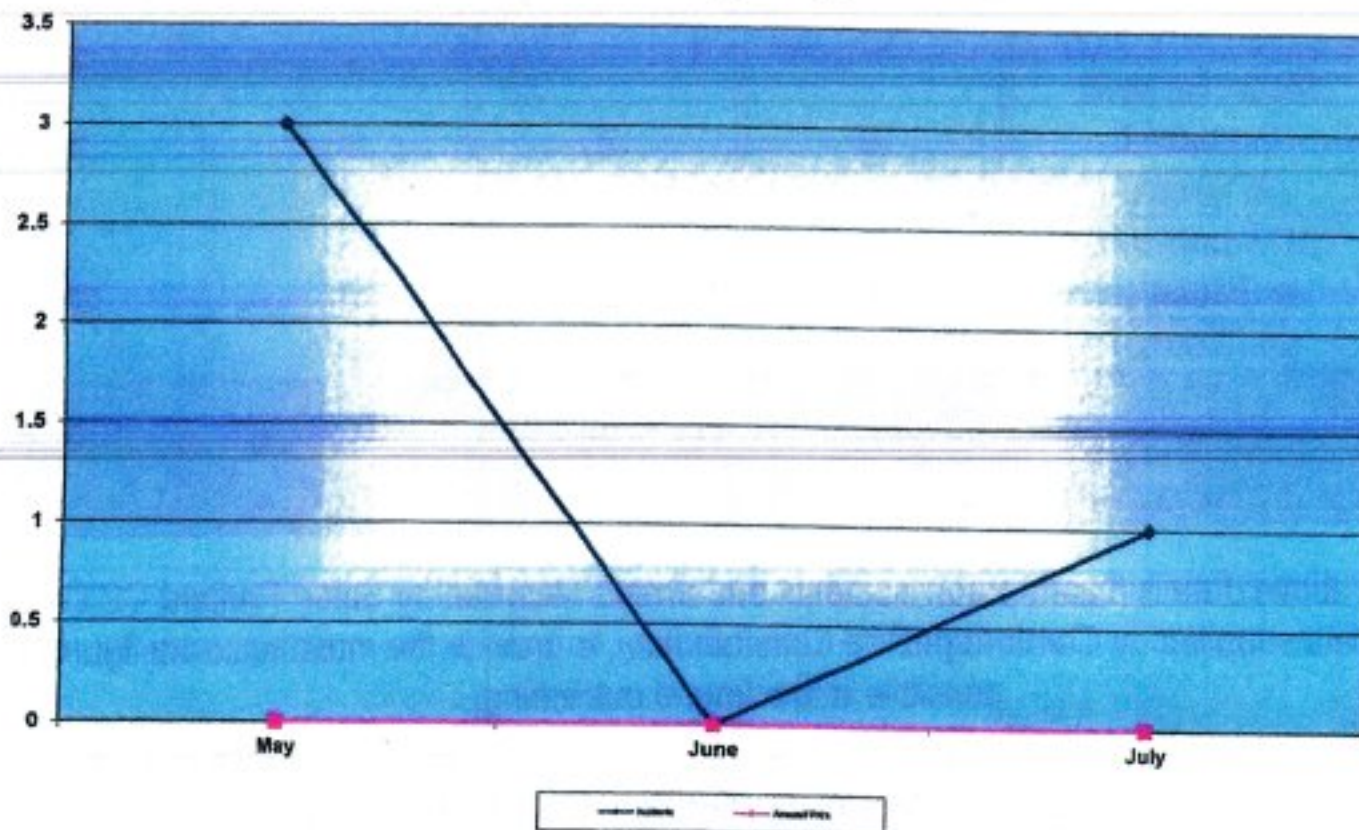
## Open Spaces

Variable summer weather has meant, contrary to the heat wave of 2018, that the grass continues to grow at pace. Restructuring of the contractor rounds has enabled the team to keep on top of the schedule and all cuts have been completed on time and to general satisfaction. The cemetery has been well served, Manor field has benefitted from regular attention and additional work has been scheduled and completed across the town.

Yarwell's Headland, Mountbatten Way, Burdett Grove, Saxon Road, Station Rd play area (although vandalism still persists), the Manor LC, Snowley Park and Claygate have all received additional work at the requests of customers to general satisfaction.

## Whittlesey Town Council CCTV update July 2019

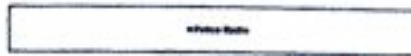
Number of Incidents and Arrests for Whittlesey  
From May - July



Incidents by Call Source for Whittlesey for June



Police Radio, 1



**Data Chart of Performance Figures for previous three months**

	May	June	July	Total
Total Incidents Recorded (Whittlesey only)	3	0	1	4
Arrests / Fixed Penalty Notices (Whittlesey only)	0	0	0	0
Media Reviews Conducted (All Towns)	19	26	31	76
CCTV data taken as Evidence (All Towns)	9	9	9	27
CCTV Patrols Completed (All Towns)	289	309	303	901

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.

**Incidents Highlights for July**

**Incident 1**

17<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at 13:00hrs, The CCTV team observes the MAGPAS helicopter approaching to land at the Manor Leisure centre ground. The CCTV team conducts observations on the helicopter. Police confirm that a report of a sudden death has been reported at the Manor Leisure Centre. No further CCTV action taken.

