



## Whittlesey Town Council Update

November 2019

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### Street Pride and Community Groups

On 3<sup>rd</sup> October, a record number of 135 volunteers and local partners attended the annual Celebration Evening. The Council appreciates and values the ongoing work of all its volunteers and this event is our way of saying 'thanks' and celebrating groups' achievements. Representatives from Street Pride, In Bloom, friends groups and 'getting it sorted' recycling champions all attended which reflects the increasing co-operation between them.

Each group received a certificate of thanks in appreciation of their continuing efforts over the past year to improve their local street scene and open spaces.

Special certificates were also awarded for a number of projects:

- Whittlesey In Bloom / Friends of Whittlesey Cemetery were highly commended under Best Nature Project for their maintenance of the two flower beds at the entrance to the Manor Leisure Centre.
- Benwick In Bloom / Street Pride were winners of Best Partnership Project for their beautiful village displays, history information boards and receipt of funding from Metalcraft's Community Fund.

The evening also included a hog roast supper and some fantastic live music from four piece band, 'The 59ers'.



## Environmental Health

A food premises was recently inspected and as a result of the poor food safety management the owner agreed to voluntary close for 72 hours. This time was used by the premises to liaise with Environmental Health Officers towards improving their food safety management so that the food they were producing was safe to eat. Voluntary closures of a food premises are very rare but they this action can be implemented by a food business to prevent officers having to go to the local Magistrates' Court for a Hygiene Emergency Prohibition Notice. However if necessary this action is taken to ensure public health.

Whittlesey and surrounding villages Performance Report : October 2019	
<b>Food Safety Inspection Plan:</b>	
Number of food safety interventions completed	4
Number of Food Safety Warning Letters/ Notices sent	0
Number of Food Safety Advice letters sent	4
<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	3
<b>Requests for Service</b>	
Total number of Requests for Service <b>received in 2019 /20</b>	<b>276</b>
Number of Requests for Service received in <b>October 2019</b>	<b>23</b>
Number responded to <b>within 5 working days</b>	<b>23</b>

## Streetscene

Performance	
Total time out and about on patrol in the local community:	120hrs
Number of cleansing inspections carried out:	15
Percentage of cleansing inspections found to be of a suitable standard:	100%

## Green Dog Walkers

The community volunteers are continuing with their walks at the Manor. The green dog walking champion has been regularly updating the Facebook page and then feeding in comments of interest from members of the public direct to Street Scene.

We have patrolled this month mainly in all our open spaces, the Memorial Garden, The Bower, St Mary's Churchyard, The Walk and Feldale Lakes {Coates}.

## Tidy Fenland - Fly tipping and Duty of Care

In October, Street Scene Officers attended 45 fly tipping sites.

The total number of fly tipping instances recorded for the month of October 2019 was 131. Broken down into Towns and Villages, broken down into locations:

- March 10
- Chatteris 4
- **Whittlesey 3**
- Villages 68
- Wisbech 46
- **Total 131**

Fly tipping cases for the Whittlesey area - Breakdown by Villages is:

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



**Tidy Fenland – Enforcement**

Last month our proactive patrols have continued in and around the town.

- Your Street Scene Office has issued a further two F.P.N's (£75.00) for motorist who threw cigarette butts out of their vehicle windows in Whittlesey. One F.P.N has been paid and we are awaiting the second FPN to be paid.
- Kingdom Officers issued a total of 32 Fixed Penalty Notices for littering. Broken down into areas:

Chatteris	4
<b>Whittlesey</b>	<b>5</b>
March	10
Wisbech	13

26 were Cigarette related Offences and 3 were spitting related Offences.

**Abandoned vehicles**

The team has investigated 33 reported abandoned vehicles in October. Nine of these vehicles were in Whittlesey. Three of these vehicles were in Queen Street Car-park two were removed by person/s unknown and FDC removed one.

**Street Scene Actions**

- Your Street Scene Officer issued an FPN for Fly tipping (£400) this was to a resident who was caught on a vehicle Dash Cam Fly tipping a small piece of carpet on the verge in the country-side. This FPN has been paid.
- Following a report of Fly tipping at the rear of properties in Moorhen Rd on private land your local Street Scene Officer contacted the residents and requested they dispose of all of the furniture correctly. The residents have removed the entire Fly tipped items.
- Additional patrols have been carried out to monitor the Kings Dyke Layby as part of the project with the portaloo.
- Mooring enforcement patrols continue to be carried out at the Council owned moorings near the Manor.
- Your Street Scene Officer received a call from a local Councillor regarding Vehicles For Sale on the F.D.C maintained land at the junction of A605 and Snoots Road, on his return to work he issued Nuisance Notices to both vehicles. Both vehicles were subsequently removed by their owners.
- 15 x Fly posters were removed from the town
- Your Street Scene Officer spent a day this month with Cambridgeshire Police, Environment Agency and VOSA Officers stopping and searching vehicles regarding Duty of Care offences. One vehicle did not stop when requested and this vehicle was finally stopped near Holbeach with a large amount of drugs found in the vehicle, arrests were made.



## Planning Enforcement

Performance	
Service Requests received in Oct 2019	7
Total number of Service Requests in 2019-20	36
Cases Closed this month	6 (33 in year to date)
Notices Served	0

With regard to the cases closed:

- In 4 cases the owner occupier took voluntary action to remedy the breach of planning control
- In 2 cases the investigation concluded that no breach of planning control had actually taken place

## Open Spaces

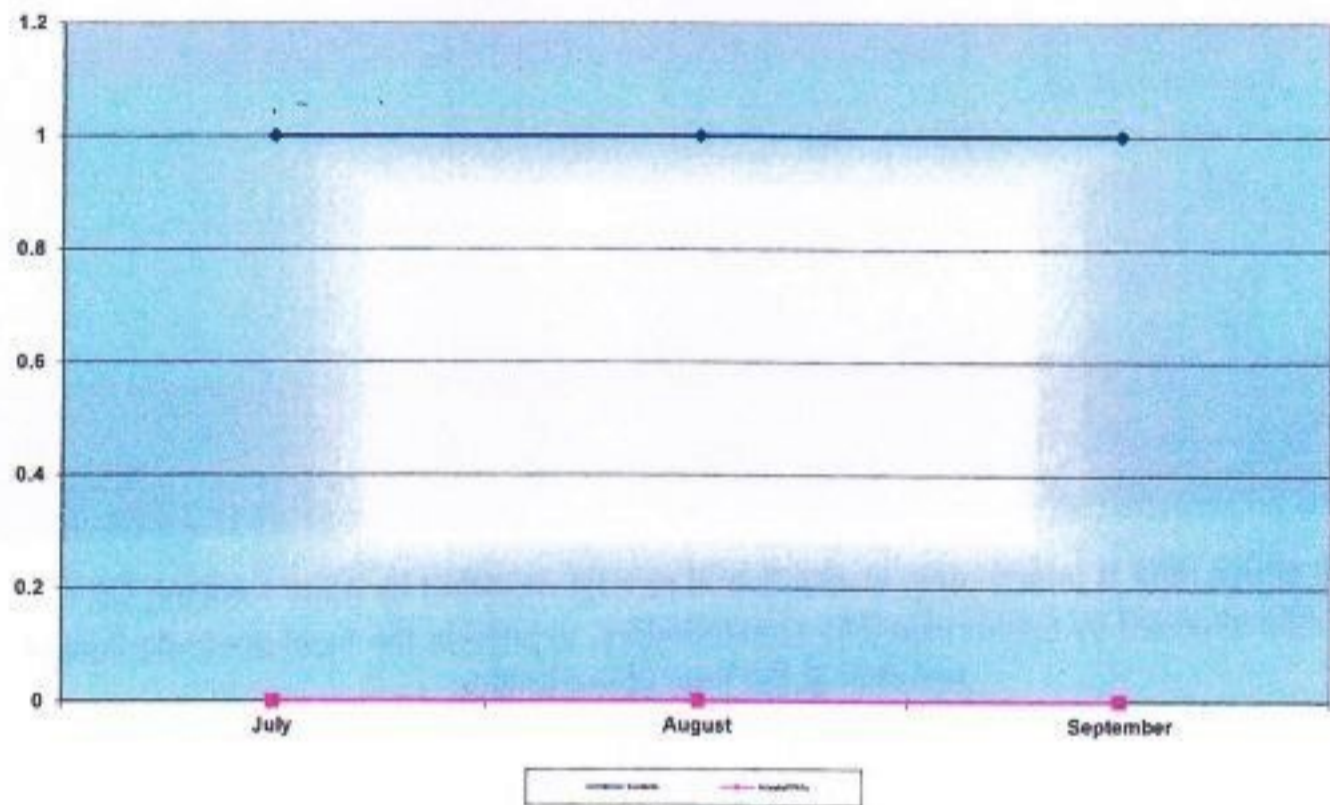
October saw the end of the cutting season. Tivoli has performed better this year than any previous and, largely, areas have been kept neat and tidy. Recent heavy rain has been an inconvenience but has not stopped cuts other than a section of Manor playing fields which remains under water.

Cemetery has been well maintained, verges are under control and a hedge cutting regime has started for the autumn/winter (Some hedges received an extra cut earlier in the year).

Around the town work has taken place at Claygate (pruning), Churchfield (overhang), Manor Playing Fields (bench removed following alleged accident), Bramble Close and Monks close (shrub and bramble cut-back), War Memorial (tree trimmed), Paddocks (additional cut), bench in Memorial Gardens installed, Snowley Park (tree removal) and Yarwells Headland (shrub tidy). Work to tidy the planters in the Town Square is under way. Complaints are still received but these have been addressed swiftly and, generally, without the need for further action.

## Whittlesey Town Council CCTV update September 2019

### Number of Incidents and Arrests for Whittlesey From July - September



### Incidents by Call Source for Whittlesey for September



Police Radio, 1

Whittlesey



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

	July	August	September	Total
Total Incidents Recorded (Whittlesey only)	1	1	1	3
Arrests / Fixed Penalty Notices (Whittlesey only)	0	0	0	0
Media Reviews Conducted (All Towns)	31	19	23	73
CCTV data taken as Evidence (All Towns)	9	4	6	19
CCTV Patrols Completed (All Towns)	303	316	300	919

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.