



## Whittlesey Town Council Update

December 2019

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

Whittlesey Street Pride continued with maintenance to projects and held three litter picks in November.

There is one litter pick planned for December and the group will then be taking a well-earned rest. Their annual Christmas Social is taking place on 20<sup>th</sup> December. This time of year is great for the volunteers to celebrate their hard work and mix socially.

### **Environmental Health**

The Council's Environmental Health Team are busy undertaking inspections and audits of higher risk food premises, these are places such as school kitchens, residential care homes and children's nurseries. They are high risk because their customer base are more vulnerable due to their age and can be susceptible to food poisoning.

Officers are looking for cleanliness of the premises and that there is good management of food safety practices in place. Very good standards are usually found in our Fenland premises.

Whittlesey and surrounding villages Performance Report : November 2019	
<b>Food Safety Inspection Plan:</b>	
Number of food safety interventions completed	<b>6</b>
Number of Food Safety Warning Letters/ Notices sent	<b>2</b>
Number of Food Safety Advice letters sent	<b>4</b>
<b>Food Hygiene Rating Scheme</b>	
Number of Food Safety Premises whose score went UP	<b>0</b>
Number of Food Safety Premises whose score went DOWN	<b>0</b>
Number of Food Safety Premises whose score STAYED THE SAME	<b>6</b>
<b>Requests for Service</b>	
Total number of Requests for Service <b>received in 2019 /20</b>	<b>2</b>
Number of Requests for Service received <b>in November 2019</b>	<b>51</b>
Number responded to <b>within 5 working days</b>	<b>51</b>

## Streetscene

<b>total time out and about on patrol in the local community:</b>	<b>110</b>
<b>Number of cleansing inspections carried out:</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Percentage of cleansing inspections found to be of a suitable standard:</b>	<b>100</b>

## 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 once again patrolled this month mainly in all our open spaces, the Memorial Garden, Manor Leisure Playing Fields, The Bower, St Mary's Churchyard, The Walk and Feldale Lakes {Coates}

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

- March 21
- Chatteris 0
- Whittlesey 1
- Villages 53
- Wisbech 37
- Total 112

for the Whittlesey area only - Breakdown by Villages is:

Eastrea	0
Coates	1
Turves	3
Benwick	1
Ponders Bridge	2

- This month our proactive patrols have continued in and around the town .
- Street Scene have issued 1 FPN for littering this month
- Kingdom Officers issued **a total of 17 Fixed Penalty Notices** for littering. With **Whittlesey** having **7 of these**

### Abandoned vehicles

The team has investigated **20** reported abandoned vehicles in November 2019. **Ten** of these vehicles were in Whittlesey.

### Street Scene Actions

- Your Whittlesey Street Scene Officer issued a FPN for fly tipping at £400. This has now been paid.
- Your Street Scene Office has issued a further F.P.N {**£75.00**} for a motorist who threw a cigarette butt out of their vehicle window. This F.P.N has been paid.
- 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. Vessels have over stayed because of recent flooding and Peterborough | Locks have been closed. There hasn't been any movement of vessels between Whittlesey and Peterborough.
- 19 x Fly posters were removed from the town

## Planning Enforcement

### Performance

<b>Service Requests received in November 2019</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Total number of Service Requests in 2019-20</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>Cases Closed this month</b>	<b>3 (36 in year to date)</b>
<b>Notices Served</b>	<b>0</b>

With regard to the 3 cases closed in the month:

- In 1 case it was not expedient to take action as the installed shop front would have received permission had it been applied for
- In 1 case the owner undertook voluntary action to remedy the breach
- In 1 case the investigation concluded no breach of planning control had actually taken place

## Open Spaces

October saw the end of the cutting season and the start of the shrubs and hedge maintenance programme in November. 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 all cuts were completed albeit the Manor Field, which suffered from high water levels, took place in early November.

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), Bramble Close (trimming), Snowley Park (again – fencing), Manor Field (Willow removal) and Monks close (shrub and bramble cut-back). Work to tidy the planters in the Town Square has commenced and the bulbs planted.

Complaints are still received but these have been addressed swiftly and, generally, without the need for further action.