



## Whittlesey Town Council Update

July 2020

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

On 1<sup>st</sup> June, government guidance was updated in that up to six people can meet outside and take part in outdoor activities provided strict social distance guidelines are followed. Following this update, the Street Pride Co-ordinator was contacted by a number of groups enquiring whether individual and small group litter picks could now be held. Government guidance was sent to groups for them to decide whether such activities can happen and how to undertake them as safely as possible.

Whittlesey Street Pride decided to resume certain activities abiding by social distancing at all times. The group have undertaken maintenance and re-planting of their gateway projects and a couple of individuals are also lone litter picking.



## Environmental Health

On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020 many more shops were allowed to open in Whittlesey. A joint initiative across the district was organised by Environmental Health and Street Scene Officers to be visible in the town, talk to those business that were open and offer good health and safety management advice.

In Whittlesey it was pleasing to note that 20 shops have now re-opened that were previously closed. Environmental Health and Licensing have developed a Business Information Pack and associated Covid -19 Risk Assessment that can be used by local businesses to ensure that they have controlled the spread of Covid -19 not only protecting their staff but their customers too.

<https://www.fenland.gov.uk/coronavirusbusinessadvice>

Signage has also been installed across all towns advising the public to think of their safety and maintain a safe distance.

The feedback from local businesses has been extremely positive with many sending thanks into the Council for the help and assistance they are receiving from Environmental Health in these unprecedented and uncertain times.

A business support project office has been appointed to provide focussed advice to High Street businesses, this is because the government funding used to appoint this officer is for High Street reopening. Businesses outside of this scope will still be supported in the same way by environmental health staff.

For business advice please contact [envhealth@fenland.gov.uk](mailto:envhealth@fenland.gov.uk)

Whittlesey and surrounding villages Performance Report : June 2020	
<b>Food Safety Inspection Plan:</b>	
Number of food safety interventions completed	0
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	0
Number of Food Safety Premises whose score went DOWN	0
Number of Food Safety Premises whose score STAYED THE SAME	0



<b>Requests for Service</b>	
Total number of Requests for Service <b>received in 2020 /2021</b>	<b>200</b>
Number of Requests for Service received <b>in June 2020</b>	<b>100</b>
Number responded to <b>within 5 working days</b>	<b>96</b>

## Streetscene

<b>Performance</b>	
<b>Total time out and about on patrol in the local community:</b>	<b>70hrs in Whittlesey and 5hrs in Whittlesey villages</b>
<b>Percentage of cleansing inspections found to be of a suitable standard:</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Number of cleansing inspections carried out:</b>	<b>15</b>

### Tidy Fenland Campaign – Green Dog Walkers

Dog patrols have continued this month, the warm weather has seen our opens spaces being very well visited and we have tried to ensure high standards are maintained. With this in mind Street Scene officers are still offering support to the community at this very important time.

Out and about in the town and showing a visible presence has been our focus and whilst here we have been, albeit at a social distance, talking to dog walkers to promote responsible dog ownership. The bag dispenser at the Manor has been topped up and we have put up more dog signs around the town in areas which have been feedback to us to remind dog walkers they can be used to dispose of their dogs waste.

Dog fouling which has either been seen or reported has been removed and we have had more of a presence in key areas such as The Bower, The Walk, Coates, Eastrea and the Manor Leisure Centre.

### Tidy Fenland – Fly Tipping

Up to 28<sup>th</sup> June, there have been 92 instances of fly tipping. Broken down into locations:

<b>Towns</b>		<b>Villages</b>	
Chatteris	2	Coates	0
March	15	Eastrea	1
<b>Whittlesey</b>	<b>16</b>	Benwick	1
Wisbech	15	Ponders Bridge	1
Villages	44	Turves	2



The majority of the fly tipping was household related with 46 instances, green waste 11 instances, commercial related 12 instances and 8 vehicle related waste. The reopening of the household recycling centres has been well received. There are some restrictions in place but there have been no issues.

The Street Scene team remains proactive in fly tipping prevention and investigations. During June, Street Scene Officers attended 25 of the fly tipping sites.

We have also received a report from a member of the public who has witnessed fly tipping on 2 occasions by the same person. We have been in contact with them to prepare a witness statement which will then allow us to pursue the individual.

### Street Scene Actions

- 2 Abandoned vehicles have been reported and investigated in Whittlesey during the month of June. 1 has resulted in needing to be removed by our contractor.
- 2 cleansing requests were raised in relation to hazardous waste, overflowing litter bins and excessive levels of litter in the town.
- Removed 6 fly posters from the town centre.
- Memorial Safety Inspections have been carried out this month in Whittlesey Cemetery and in March, Manea Churchyard, Walsoken Cemetery and Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Wisbech. A total of 3014 inspections have been completed, this resulted in 22 memorials being identified as requiring action to make safe, non in Whittlesey Cemetery.
- 3 businesses in the town have been visited on behalf of Environmental Health in Whittlesey in relation to vermin and waste accumulations.
- Street Scene have continued to support our cleansing colleagues with litter picking, emptying street litter bins and removing fly tipping in and around the town and villages. This is to ensure we are still offering a good front line service to the public.

### Planning Enforcement

Performance	
Service Requests received in June 2020	6
Total number of Service Requests in 2020-21	20
Cases Closed this month	(3 in year to date)
Notices Served	0



With regard to the case closed, the investigation determined that no breach of planning control had taken place.



**Open Spaces**

The effect of Co-Vid 19 on the operation of the Open Spaces begins to lessen. All play areas will re-open on July 4th, though social distancing remains in place. Skate parks opened in mid- June. Some vandalism has been reported.

The grass cutting operation, however, has continued with Tivoli continuing a very good start to the season and the mix of warm and wet weather has seen the parks and open spaces looking at their finest. This is very important as parks and open spaces have remained open throughout this difficult time to support health and wellbeing.

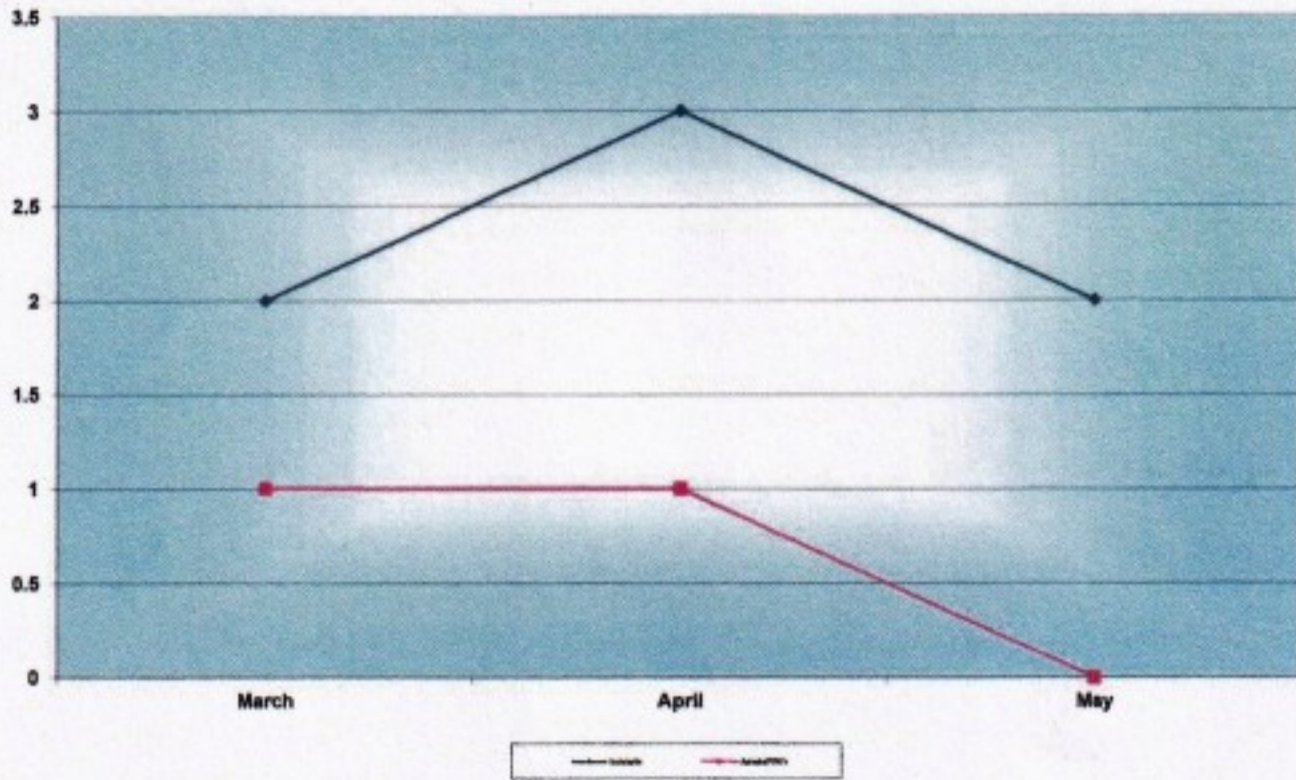
In the town, the following took place:

- Claygate seeded with wildflower (re-done) and edged
- Snowley Park play areas – tenders out and invitations sent to would-be contractors. 4 visits to date – returns on 31/7
- Grave Top Ups
- Trees removed (Bower)
- Plot levelling in Whittlesey Cemetery
- Saxon Way – tree work

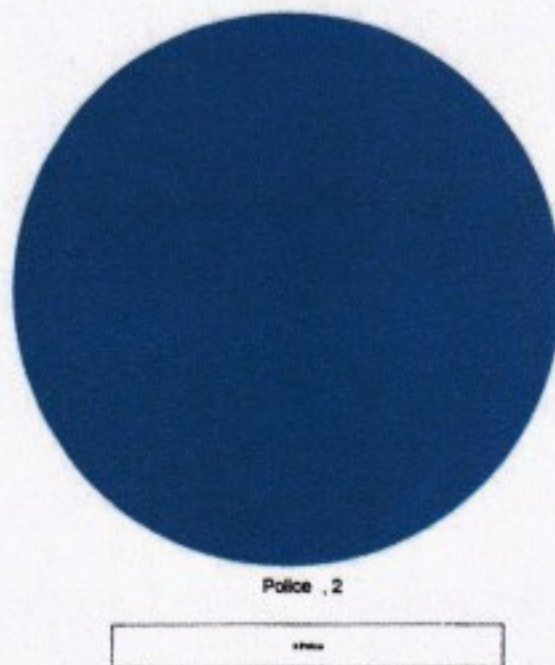


## Whittlesey Town Council CCTV update May 2020

**Number of Incidents and Arrests for Whittlesey  
From March - May 2020**



**Incidents by Call Source for Whittlesey for May**





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

	<b>March</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Total</b>
Total Incidents Recorded (Whittlesey only)	2	3	2	7
Arrests / Fixed Penalty Notices (Whittlesey only)	1	1	0	2
CCTV Patrols Completed (All Towns)	542	546	623	1711

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.