



Whittlesey Town Council Update

February 2021

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Street Pride and Community Groups

Due to current national lockdown restrictions, January saw members of Whittlesey Street Pride continue to litter pick alone or as part of their household.

Environmental Health

Environmental Health received a high number of queries/complaints due to the current lockdown. Most related to whether certain business could open under the regulations and members of staff not wearing masks or keeping to a safe distance. The situation remains difficult for businesses.

The food safety inspection programme will continue to be delivered remotely (through telephone calls and questionnaires) with visits only undertaken at high risk settings and following customer complaints.

Environmental Health Report to Whittlesey Town Council

Whittlesey and surrounding villages Performance Report: February 2021

Food Safety Inspection Plan:	
Number of food safety interventions completed	3
Number of Food Safety Warning Letters/ Notices sent	0
Number of Food Safety Advice letters sent	3
Food Hygiene Rating Scheme	
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	3
Requests for Service	
Total number of Requests for Service received in 2020 /2021	497
Number of Requests for Service received in January 2021	30
Number responded to within 5 working days	30

Streetscene

Performance	
Total number of hours out and about on patrol in the local community:	34 hours
Number of cleansing inspections carried out:	15
Percentage of cleansing inspections found to be of a suitable standard:	100%

Tidy Fenland – Green Dog Walkers

During January, we have continued to show a presence in the town and all our open spaces to encourage responsible dog ownership and deter dog fouling. Patrols were specifically undertaken at the Manor Leisure Centre, The Walk, The Bower, Tower Rec and the Green Wheel.

Tidy Fenland – Fly Tipping

In January, there were 146 instances of fly tipping, which is a higher monthly amount than we have seen over the last half of 2020 and follows the 59 instances we saw in the district for December. The majority of the fly tipping was household related and commercial waste with 103 instances in total. Broken down into locations:

Chatteris	8	Eastrea	1
March	19	Coates	1
Whittlesey	3	Turves	5
Wisbech	31	Benwick	1
Rural	85		
Total	146		

In Whittlesey we were able to attend all 3 sites but there was no evidence found at the scene.

Street Scene Actions

- 2 abandoned vehicles have been investigated in Whittlesey during January. One of these was an old caravan which was removed by our contractor.
- As part of our patrols, 4 additional cleansing requests were raised in relation to overflowing litter bins and excessive levels of litter in the town. These were actioned quickly.
- A damaged street name plate has been reported and will be replaced.

- We removed 5 fly posters advertising businesses and old signs for lost pets from around the Town.
- Due to COVID-19 we have continued to assist other teams in the Councils response to the pandemic.

Planning Enforcement

Performance	
Service Requests received in January 2021	2
Total number of Service Requests in 2020-21	43
Cases Closed this month	1
Notices Served	0

With regard to the 1 case that was closed this month, retrospective planning permission was applied for and granted. The breach of planning control was therefore resolved.

Open Spaces

Wet weather continues to have an effect on the business but, by and large, the team have coped well with the extraordinary conditions and none of the contracted scheduled work has been left incomplete.

The play area extension at Snowley Park continues to be busy and successful. Public reaction has been excellent. Three benches and an extra bin will be added shortly once the ground dries out.

New plants have been ordered for the tubs on Buttercross. These have been selected and once received will be located later this month.

Play area inspections continue on a weekly basis and these areas, unlike the first shutdown, have, remained open. Should any further change occur we have the steps in place to undertake this at short notice. Weather has conspired to delay

the repair of the surface at Station Road – a dry period is required to lay the new rubber.

In the town, the following took or is taking place:

- Kerb sets cleared
- Additional gravel for kerb sets and pathways at cemetery
- Hedge work 100% complete
- Branch down Cemetery
- Potholes Manor Field
- New gate lock Cemetery
- Shrub clearance Snowley Park