



## Whittlesey Town Council Update

July 2021

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### Street Pride and Community Groups

Whittlesey Street Priders have been very busy this past month. Starting off with refilling the Delph Boat and installing 2 new planters. Volunteers have also dedicated time to give the plough on Plough Road a fresh coat of paint. June was topped off with the replanting of all of the group's Gateway Projects.

The Council has supported Street Pride and Friends groups to continue to operate to Government rules. As we move into step 4 of the government's roadmap guidance and information is being developed to support groups who wish to undertake larger events and projects. This will be circulated to groups in the coming weeks.

### Environmental Health

The Health and Safety Executive support project has been in contact with 59 businesses since the project started. The aim of the call is to offer support to ensure covid compliance and with this improve health and safety overall. HSE have been able to give 37 businesses intervention support with positive feedback from the companies.

HSE are contacting those business sectors (warehouse / distribution) who may have fallen outside of earlier support offers due to their locality, business type or staffing base.



**Whittlesey and surrounding villages  
 Performance Report: July 2021**
**Food Safety Inspection Plan:**

Number of food safety interventions completed	<b>4</b>
Number of Food Safety Warning Letters/ Notices sent	<b>0</b>
Number of Food Safety Advice letters sent	<b>4</b>

**Food Hygiene Rating Scheme**

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>4</b>

**Requests for Service**

Total number of Requests for Service <b>received in 2021 /2022</b>	<b>84</b>
Number of Requests for Service received <b>in June 2021</b>	<b>30</b>
Number responded to <b>within 5 working days</b>	<b>30</b>

**Streetscene**

Performance	
<b>Total number of hours out and about on patrol in the local community:</b>	<b>70hrs</b>
<b>Number of cleansing inspections carried out:</b>	<b>15</b> Stonald, Benwick, Coates and Eastrea wards
<b>Percentage of cleansing inspections found to be of a suitable standard:</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Street Scene update**

As part of ensuring Street Scene are focusing on current issues, we have been in regular contact with yourselves and local residents to talk about what issues are



important. There has been emphasis on concern from nuisance vehicles and so we have aimed to carry out inspections as soon as possible.

Sadly, our powers are limited regarding parking matters, but we will always try to assist and locate an owner and explain how certain behaviours can affect others.

This is true of our monitoring of Snowley Park and we are pleased to see that the impact from cars is getting better for residents.

We have also continued with our dog fouling patrols and monitoring of littering hot spots. If there is anything which causes concern, please contact Nick via the contact details below.

### Tidy Fenland – Fly Tipping

During June there has been 73 fly tipping incidences recorded across Fenland, this is the break down into towns and villages:

Chatteris	March	Whittlesey	Wisbech	Villages
5	12	7	9	40

Coldham	Christchurch	Doddington	Elm	Foul Anchor	Friday Bridge	Gorefield	Guyhirn
1	1	6	2	1	3	4	3

Leverington	Newton	Pondersbridge	Rings End	Turves	Tydd St. Giles	Wimblington	Wisbech St. Marys
2	1	1	3	2	3	1	6

The most common fly tipped items were household related closely followed by small amounts of commercial waste.

### Abandoned vehicles



During June the team received 13 reports of abandoned vehicles, 7 being in Whittlesey. All 7 were investigated and apart from 1 that is still ongoing they were all removed by persons unknown.

Reports have been received from Fix my Street and Facebook assisting the public in reporting issues to us.

### **Reopening High Streets - COVID**

Following the recent announcement that the high streets are beginning to open back up we have been continuing to be visible out and about to assist the public and local businesses. We have refreshed signage to reflect the new messages and will be on hand to monitor and assist wider colleagues in relation to on the ground COVID compliance.

### **Markets and Fairs**

Our Markets continue to be busy and our new bakery stall is now settling in well and reporting to be busy with both Market and online orders.

We have also welcomed back our charity stalls and have seen attendance from the Wildlife trust and will be joined by a Hearing Dogs stall booked for August.

We were also able to host an information awareness event led by Cambs County Council and Trading standards to highlight the dangers of online scammers. The 'Scam bus' parked up near the Buttercross and members of the public were given help and guidance on ways to keep safe both online and in person.

The Showman's Guild have advised that they will be attending Whittlesey on the 17<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Street Scene Actions**

- As part of our patrols, 5 additional cleansing requests were raised in relation to excess broken litter bins in Eastrea, oil on the footpath and various issue regarding bins obstructed by foliage. Smashed glass also addressed in the Manor LS open space.
- Marked 7 graves during July along with weekly checks of the cemetery.
- We are patrolling, renewing and installing new dog fouling stickers and posters regarding the issues with a small minority of dog walkers who do not clear up after their dogs. These have been in Eastrea, Coats and Whittlesey.
- We have been assisting environmental health colleagues with monitoring rodent sightings.



- 3 advertising posters were removed from the town centre.
- 4 issues have been reported to Parks and Open Spaces. These included unsafe trees and broken slabs in the Garden of Rest. All requested to be repaired.
- 800 Memorial Inspections have been carried out this month in Whittlesey Cemetery. Any memorials found to be unsecure and at risk of toppling have been reported to our contractor to be made safe before notifying the exclusive rights holder.

## Planning Enforcement

Performance	
Service Requests received in June Month 2021	3
Total number of Service Requests in 2020-21	59
Cases Closed this month	0
Notices Served	0

## Open Spaces

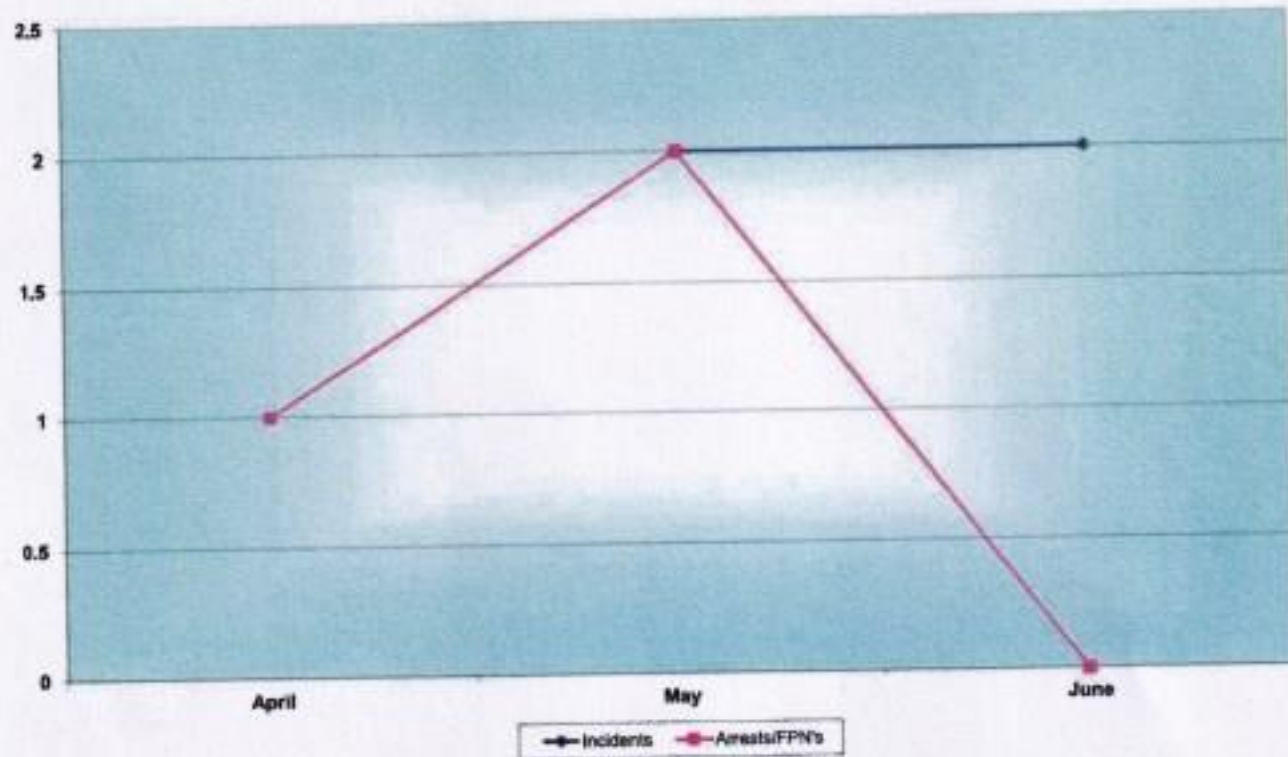
Summer is well and truly here, and with it growth rates for the grass that are very high – as we expect. Fenland's contractor continues to cut grass rounds every two weeks and has been reliable and usually on time. Delays with a cut due to inclement weather are to be expected but have been limited this year.

FDC and local FDC Members and, undoubtedly Town Council Members too, have received feedback regarding the Manor Field. It continues to be cut every two weeks, however growth rates remain high. The damp nature of the field may exacerbate growth and to help keep the field trim, FDC is asking Tivoli to cut the grass on the field weekly for the next few weeks.

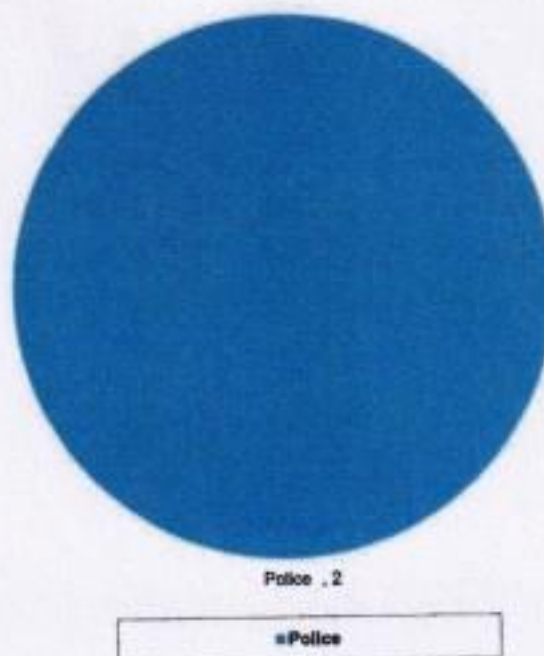
We continue to leave a small area of the field uncut and will discuss with the Portfolio Holder a more formal approach to natural areas for next summer. If we can add in uncut wildflower areas in many open spaces across Fenland this will encourage biodiversity, as well as make the area look increasingly colourful. [Please find a useful article here.](#)

## Whittlesey Town Council CCTV update June 2021

Number of Incidents and Arrests for Whittlesey  
From April – June 2021



Incidents by Call Source for Whittlesey for June





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

	<b>April</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Total Incidents Recorded (Whittlesey only)</b>	1	2	2	5
<b>Arrests / Fixed Penalty Notices (Whittlesey only)</b>	1	2	0	3
<b>CCTV Patrols Completed (All Towns)</b>	441	438	445	1324

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.