



Whittlesey Town Council Update

September 2021

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Street Pride and Community Groups

August was a busy month for Whittlesey Street Pride. Two group litter picks were held with 21 bags of waste being collected at each event.

The benches, funded by the Glassmoor Local Environment Fund, which were installed last month at the Manor field in partnership with Whittlesey Town Council were officially opened.

Congratulations must also go to Street Pride member, Rob Boddington, who won the Town Council's Citizen of the Year award this year.

Environmental Health

Customer requests for service remain in higher numbers with noise and waste accumulations at a significantly high level. The service remains supported by 2 additional Environmental Health Protection Officers who are funded by government allocations for covid related pressures.

The number of workplace cases has increased again for the first time since May. Businesses are working with strict on-site controls in order to reduce the risk of workplace transmission, this is particularly important for many Fenland businesses as they are critical to our food production and distribution.

The latest vaccine data can be seen at <https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/>

Whittlesey and surrounding villages Performance Report : September 2021	
Food Safety Inspection Plan:	
Number of food safety interventions completed	4
Number of Food Safety Warning Letters/ Notices sent	0
Number of Food Safety Advice letters sent	4
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	4
Requests for Service	
Total number of Requests for Service received in 2021 /2022	164
Number of Requests for Service received in August 2021	60
Number responded to within 5 working days	58

Streetscene

Performance	
Total number of hours out and about on patrol in the local community:	95hrs
Number of cleansing inspections carried out:	15 Stonald and Bassenhally Wards
Percentage of cleansing inspections found to be of a suitable standard:	97% Two streets failed on Detritus

Street Scene update

This month we have been focusing on helping other Council colleagues where we can in relation to delivering items, litter picking and site visits. Our priorities have remained ensuring the quality of the environment remains high and as such we have tried to be out and about as much as possible.

Patrols and monitoring of our open spaces have been carried out following concerns regarding ASB and dog fouling.

Tidy Fenland – Fly Tipping

We really appreciate all reports of Fly Tipping and waste issues we have been receiving from Councilor's. This months fly tipping figures broken down are:

Month	Total	Chatteris	March	Whittlesey	Wisbech	Villages
Jul-21	115	15	16	17	11	56

Villages affected:

Christchurch	Coates	Coldham	Doddington	Eastrea	Elm
7	2	9	6	0	2

Rings End	Wimblington	Wisbech St. Marys
1	3	5

Friday Bridge	Gorefield	Guyhirn	Leverington	Manea	Murrow	Newton	Parson Drove
3	0	3	2	1	4	3	4

Markets and Fairs

Whittlesey Market is continuing to grow with the attendance of a new stall and charity stalls this month. Our bakery stall, 'Make it Sweet' has decided to become licensed following a successful settling in period. Also becoming licenced is M & D Crafts who have also become popular selling homemade craft items. Traders have reported the market continues to receive a good footfall and is once again a busy and central part of the town.

Whittlesey funfair arrives on the 15th September, opening to the public on Friday 17th – 18th. This year the trailers will not be occupying Grosvenor road Car Park due to the Mobile Testing Unit. A lot of the Showmen are local and will travel in. As a result, on Friday 17th September 2021, the Market will be in Station Road Carpark.

Street Scene Actions

- During August we investigated 3 reports of abandoned vehicle in Whittlesey. 1 was deemed not abandoned, 1 had already moved and 1 was reported to the Police on 101 due to our concerns. An Officer was able to locate and then contact the owner and the matter was resolved.
- We have continued our work in the cemeteries, checking the grounds and marking 4 graves.
- A resident has been spoken to in relation to a Security fence blocking the road and another regarding rodents seen in and around the overgrown garden.
- An issue has been reported to CCC Highways via their online website regarding uneven paths on West End.
- Following government guidance and advice changing in relation to COVID we have removed outdated posters and will soon be in the process of installing new ones.
- As more Street Pride events are now taking place, we have delivered equipment to street pride volunteers in readiness.
- Visited all parks and open spaces undertaking a site visit. Pictures of branches overhanging a home in Pinewood Avenue has been sent to colleagues to request a call back. We have also reported the plinth surrounding the Straw Bear as there are loose and uneven slabs.
- A matter relating to refuse concerning black bags in a recycling bin was resolved by talking to the owner and giving them recycling advice and clear bags.

Planning Enforcement

Performance	
Service Requests received in August Month 2021	3
Total number of Service Requests in 2020-21	56
Cases Closed this month	3
Notices Served	0

Open Spaces

A variety of hot, wet, windy and cold weather has made for an interesting month for the Open Spaces team but rounds have continued successfully with virtually all areas completed to schedule and to a good standard. Complaints of missed cuts at Manor Fields did surface, however, prompting a multi-level Zoom discussion which appears to have cleared the air. Recent cuts have been to a high standard and no adverse comments have been received since. WTC installed new benches in the area but, sadly,

vandalism continues to present problems and despite the presence of CCTV issues still remain. The uplift of two of the drain covers – since repaired – has added to the problem. Hedge cutting also started in July, continuing throughout August and, whilst this stretches the team's capacity to its maximum (team have worked weekends to keep up), early inroads have been made with positive results. A second hedge cutting programme will be undertaken in November.

Much good feedback has been received about the cemetery – the grass cuts have been successful, new trees have bedded in well and even the new bins have received positive comments. Following an inspection of the chapel, however, some defects have been recorded prompting the temporary placement of safety fencing while the necessary repairs are addressed.

Play areas all remain open although minor repairs are frequently required following vandalism or breakages. Where we can, these are remediated by our trained staff but, on occasions, support from other contractors is required. Broken safety surface at Burdett Grove has enforced a closure and this may not be repaired until budget to replace is released in 2022. All other areas remain fully open.

The successful Wellies in the Woods programme at the Manor Field which introduces children and their parents to local wildlife has re-booked for September onwards. Park run also returned with 79 runners on the first week back.

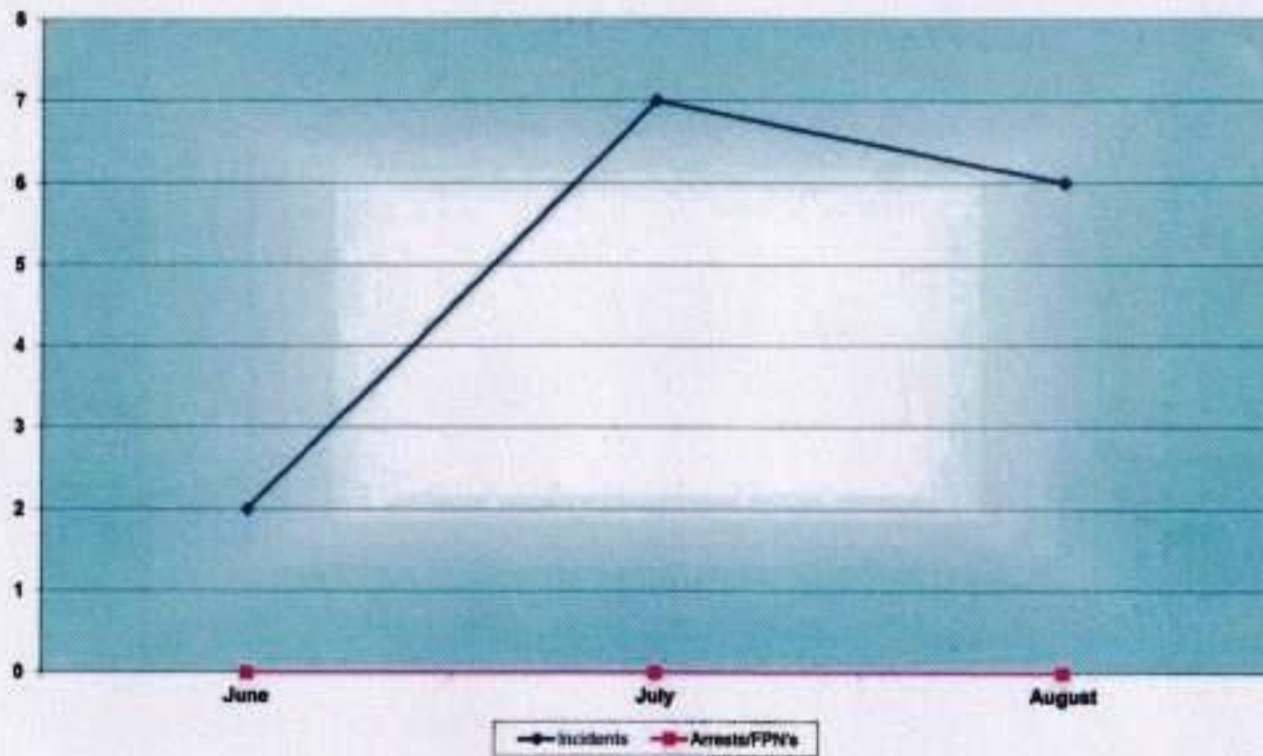
Work has commenced to introduce a wildflower meadow into the Manor Field – to replace the deliberately uncut area nearest the town. Further details shortly.

Elsewhere in the town

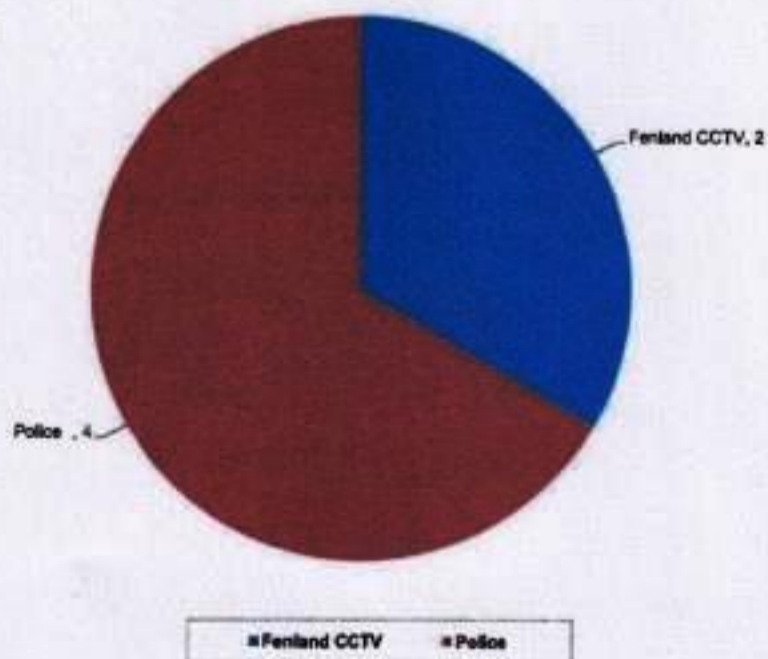
- Tree work Diana Close completed
- Snowley Park – additional; bench installed
- Ashline – missed cut
- Scaldgate – hedge trim
- Manor – willow removal
- Manor – mulch for Park Run
- Water Tower – hedge reduction
- Barnfield Gardens (Coates) – clearance
- Irving Burgess – tree work scheduled
- Electric box damaged at Manor play area – replacement cage on order

Whittlesey Town Council CCTV update August 2021

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



Incidents by Call Source for Whittlesey for August



Data Chart of Performance Figures for previous three months

	June	July	August	Total
Total Incidents Recorded (Whittlesey only)	2	7	6	15
Arrests / Fixed Penalty Notices (Whittlesey only)	0	0	0	0
CCTV Patrols Completed (All Towns)	445	431	384	1260

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.