



Whittlesey Town Council Update

January 2022

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Street Pride and Community Groups

4th December saw Whittlesey Street Pride hold their last litter pick of 2021. 24 volunteers, of which 6 were new attendees, braved the weather and collected 45 bags of rubbish.

Later in the month the group attended Whittlesey Extravaganza to promote the great work that they achieve.

The group then took a well-earned rest over the festive period.

Environmental Health

The Environmental Health Team continue to be heavily involved in Covid -19 contact tracing in both commercial and domestic settings and encouraging local Fenland residents to have the vaccine. Recent data shows that all age cohorts from 50+ show vaccination uptake of over 90%. The latest vaccine data can be seen at <https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/>

A further update is that 16 and 17 year olds can access their nearest vaccination walk in site and they are also being invited to have a vaccine by their registered GP's. The EH Team are also very much involved in advising local businesses how to ensure Covid Secure at their business and getting back to normal work routines.

In relation to Food Safety the EH Team are now working to reduce the backlog of inspections that built up during the Covid lockdowns. Officers are also assisting local business wherever they can in relation to ensuring good practice is implemented for food safety and health and safety management at their premises.

Streetscene

Performance

Total number of hours out and about on patrol in the local community:	76hrs
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 December patrols were specifically undertaken in Park Lane, Church Street and Market Street after an increase in incidents being reported. Dog patrols have also been carried out in rural areas and signage renewed and installed. Restocking the dog bags dispenser on a weekly basis continues.

Tidy Fenland – Fly Tipping

Please find November and December fly tipping figures. There are 2 ongoing case regrading fly tipping.

Month	Total	Chatteris	March	Whittlesey	Wisbech	Villages
Nov-21	86	4	15	8	23	36
Dec-21	74	7	5	10	14	38

Friday Bridge	Benwick	Gorefield	Christchurch	Coates	Coldham	Doddington	Eastrea	Elm
4	0	2	3	0	7	3	0	1
2	3	4	1	1	6	2	1	2

Guyhirn	Leverington	Manea	Murrow	Newton	Parson Drove	Pondersbridge	Turves	Wisbech St. Marys
4	0	1	1	0	4	0	2	4
1	3	0	0	2	5	3	0	2

This month we have been checking on all known areas of concern including along Ramsey Road, Benwick Road and the Green Wheel. Officers continue to be proactive in their investigations of any evidence found. We are pleased to report that a fixed penalty notice, which was issued to a homeowner based in Peterborough for £300 has now been paid. This was in relation to fly tipped waste found in the town which led back to an address.

A lady from Whittlesey has received a written warning for failing to contain her waste which ended up being removed from her property and later fly tipped by persons unknown.

Abandoned and Nuisance vehicles

We received 2 reports of cars being abandoned this month which upon investigation were found to not be abandoned. We have also had 4 further reports of nuisance vehicles, 1 being reported to Highways, 1 reported to DVLA and 1 reported to the Police.

Markets

We have welcomed a new cheese stall selling a large variety of cheeses and accompanying chutneys. Bella Cheeseimo has fed back a growing customer base and that they are keen to continue trading after their initial 6 week settling in period and become a market regular. This means our Market is now very close to full capacity and we are pleased that the market is a very busy and well supported by the local community.

High Streets in relation to COVID

With the new recent changes relating to face masks, we are continuing to monitor the Town Centre to ensure COVID compliance and support the public and local businesses should they have any questions. We have been signposting on various advice relating to Covid 19 and refreshed the signage to support the changes.

Street Scene Actions this month

- Cleansing have continued their good work up to and over the festive period, including the removal of the buildup of leaves following requests from the public to keep our town centre clean and tidy.
- Highways have been advised of our concerns regarding surface issues of the A605.
- 3 business visits have been carried out and assistance provided with refuse collection days and removing waste left on the foot path.

Planning Enforcement

Performance	
Service Requests received in December 2021	1
Total number of Service Requests in 2021-22	44
Cases Closed this month	4
Notices Served	0

Open Spaces

Hedges are the focus of the latter part of the year and the team have been diligently working their way across the district in November and December. All hedges were completed before Christmas.

A donation by the Japanese government to the MP of a quantity of cherry trees was received by Whittlesey TC and these were duly planted across 6 locations in the area – Snowley Park, Pondersbridge Village Hall, Thornham Play area (Eastrea), Grounds Way (Coates), Cherry Tree Grove, St Mary's Church. The specimens are 3 metre tall (growing to 5 metre in time) and will provide some lovely colour to the areas. Appreciation goes to Cllr Mayor for her co-ordinating of the project

The seeding of the wildflower at Manor Field (6,000 sq. m.) has proceeded as planned to date with much positive feedback, (some negative comments) and already signs of germination. Success in this area will precipitate further initiatives across the district.

Another 30 trees have been planted in Whittlesey Cemetery and these supplement those that have prospered following planting last Autumn.

Tenders have been received for the replacement of existing equipment and expansion of Burdett Grove play area. 4 companies expressed an interest with formal bids of high quality. The successful contractor (same as Snowley Park) was duly appointed and work will commence in April 2022 and a 3-4 week programme worth £45k

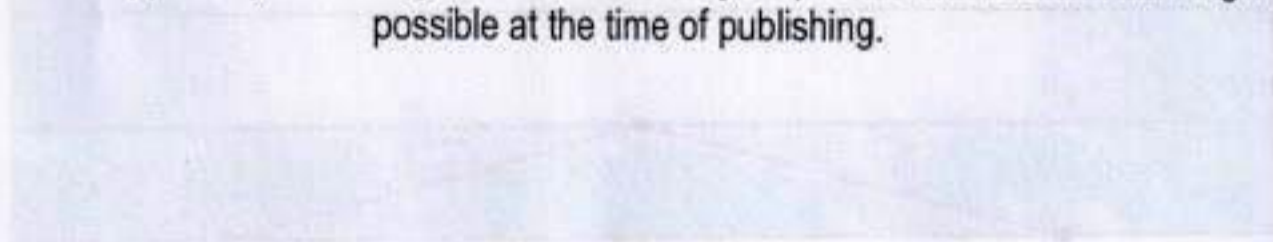
Elsewhere in the town

- Straw Bear pedestal – repair completed
- Yarwell's – drain clearance
- Electric box damaged at Manor play area – disconnected and removed
- Manor LC entrance hedge – cut back
- Holes to fill at Manor following removals
- Burdett Grove play area – reinforcements to fence panels
- Manor Leisure compound clearance
- New notice board Manor field (Park Run)
- Diana Close – tree trim (to do)

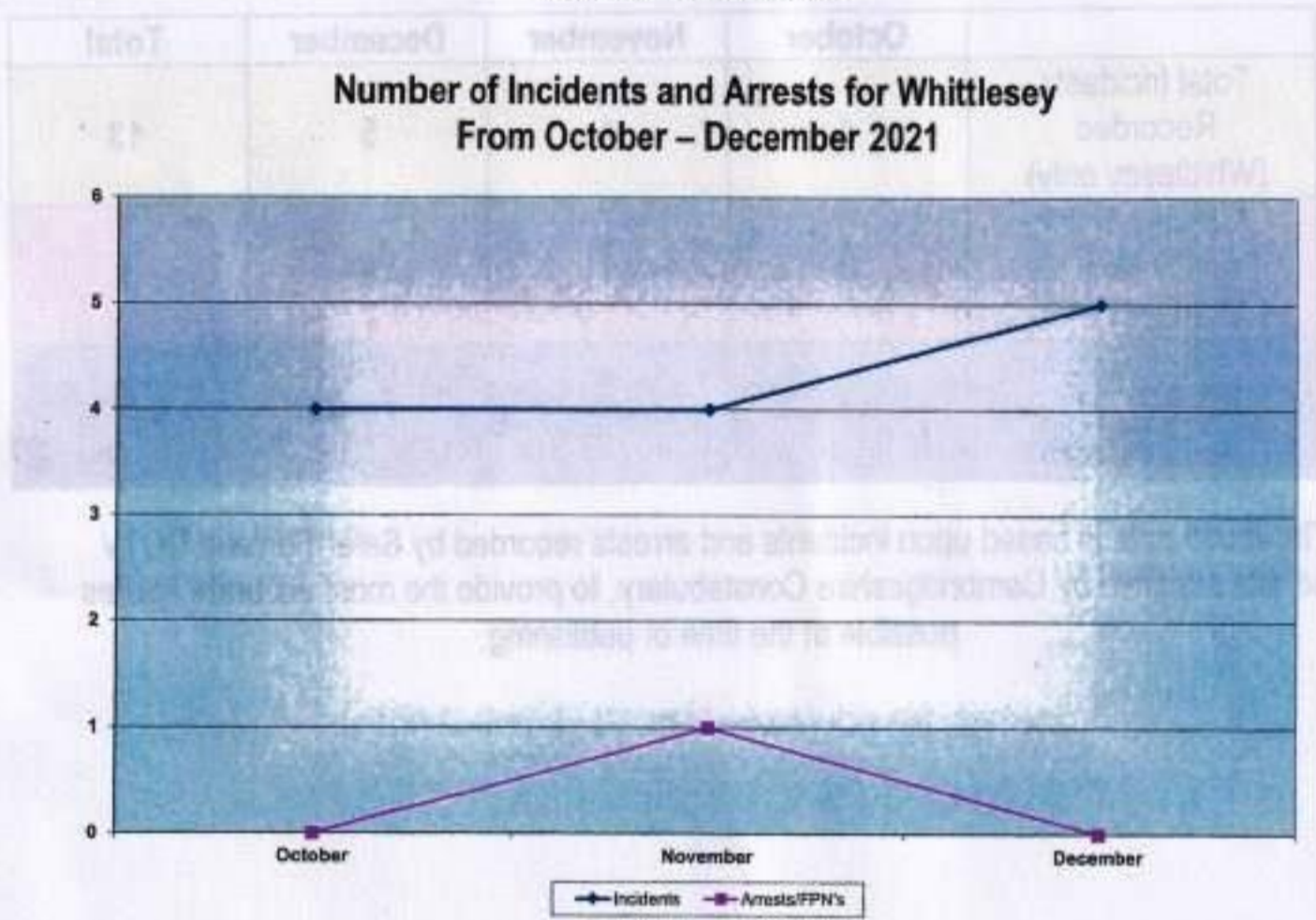
Data Chart of Performance Figures for previous three months

	October	November	December	Total
Total Incidents Recorded (Whittlesey only)	4	4	5	13
Arrests / Fixed Penalty Notices (Whittlesey only)	0	1	0	1
CCTV Patrols Completed (All Towns)	409	391	384	1184

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.



Whittlesey Town Council CCTV update December 2021



Incidents by Call Source for Whittlesey for December

