



Whittlesey Town Council Update

March 2022

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Street Pride and Community Groups

Whittlesey Street Pride held two litter picks in February. The first pick on 12th saw 24 members attend and collect 36 bags. Then on 26th, 20 members attended and picked up litter to fill 33 bags.

At the groups bi-monthly committee meeting, they discussed future projects and the possibility of holding a summer party as a replacement for their cancelled Christmas party last year.

It is great to hear of volunteers getting back to meeting as a group and taking time to socialise.

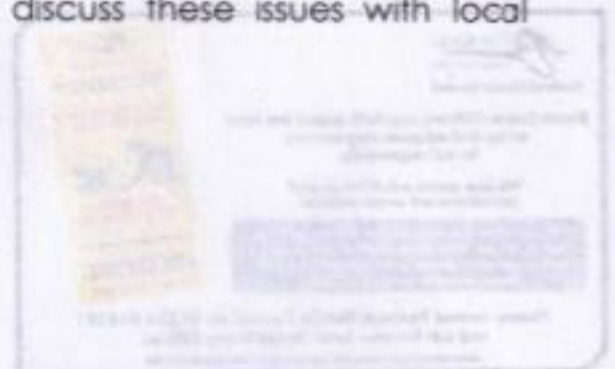
Benwick in Bloom have decided to enter this year's Anglia in Bloom competition and are 'going for gold'.

Environmental Health

Saxon Pit community concerns – a separate update is provided.

Food safety and health and safety support visits continue with help from additional staff working with the service to ensure the 'recovery plan' for these interventions is on target. Many businesses are finding it challenging as they open for normal business, including knowing what to do regarding any cases of covid in their workforce.

EH Team are always available to discuss these issues with local businesses.



Streetscene

Performance

Total number of hours out and about on patrol in the local community:	90hrs
Number of cleansing inspections carried out:	15
Percentage of cleansing inspections found to be of a suitable standard:	100%

Tidy Fenland – Fly Tipping

We are unable to include in this report the fly tipping stats for February as these have not been collated yet. We will include these in next month's report.

We are however still attending as many of the waste sites in the area as possible. We attended at 10 fly tips in Whittlesey. The waste found was mainly household related. Consisting of a mixture of black bags and bulky items. Sadly, despite searching amongst the waste there were no leads to follow up, but we had the waste removed quickly to deter further accumulations. New anti-fly tipping signs have been placed in key areas. Our prevention work has also taken place in the villages.

The 2 outstanding Fixed Penalty Notices issued for Duty of Care offences (where a householder has failed to check who they gave their waste to, ultimately leading to it being fly tipped) have now been paid. We are also referring a case to legal for prosecution following our investigations relating to waste dumped at Snowley Park.

Tidy Fenland – Green Dog Walkers

Last month saw a small increase of dog fouling seen around our town and villages. As a result, we kept a visible presence through patrols and ensured signs were refreshed/put up and delivered information to nearby residents regarding this issue in the hope whoever is responsible stops or are reported to us. A copy of the card posted through letter boxes is below:



The main areas visited are, Horsegate, Kingfisher Drive, Church Street, Arnolds Lane, Coronation Ave, Whitmore Street, Broad Street, Park Lane, Manor LC, Victory Rd, Hallcroft Rd, Riverside Close and open space Thornham Way Eastrea.

We continue to monitor the cemetery following reports people are ignoring the PSPO in place which bans dogs.

Abandoned and Nuisance vehicles

Street Scene received 15 reports of vehicles being abandoned this month, with 3 being in the Whittlesey area. Upon investigation 1 owner was contacted via a DVLA search and moved their car, another car was moved by the owner while we were on site and the last car was in a private car park and belonged to a resident. We also had 1 further report of nuisance vehicle parked on Snoots Rd what was removed by CCC Highways.

Markets & Fairs

Sadly, the weather has hindered the amount of public visiting our markets this month. The recent storms saw people stay away. The Council did recommend to traders that they should not trade on the Market during storm Dudley due to excessive strong winds.

Yet despite this set back the nearly full capacity Friday Market is still going strong and with regular traders reporting a loyal customer base.

Please note that the Showman's Guild has advised that the Spring Fair will be arriving in Whittlesey on the 23rd of March opening that weekend.

A continental market is being explored to come to Whittlesey in partnership with yourselves at the Town Council.

Street Scene Actions this month

- Trade waste - 1 black bag was discovered by at litter bin in High Cause Ways and the shop responsible spoken to regarding their waste collection. A follow up visit will be made in March.
- CCC Highways - 5 issues reported in relation to fallen trees, unsafe road signs, a loose bollard, and a loose kerb.
- Marked 2 graves and monitored Whittlesey cemetery.

- Clarion have been notified of 2 large holes in their grass verge on Crescent Rd following a visit.
- Cleansing have continued their good work. 3 requests from Street Scene have been made regarding a full litter bin, broken glass, and the damage to the disabled toilets floor, as the door is not locking consistently.
- BT were advised that 2 of their green boxes were broken and 1 had fallen blocking the footpath.
- Additional Littering patrols have taken place in Lovells Court, Queen Street, Victory Rd and Funthams Lane.
- Parks and Open Spaces – we reported 2 fallen trees while on patrol and an overgrown hedge containing litter.
- Refuse – 1 visit following a complaint regarding missed bin and resident spoken to.
- Street Pride – we continue to assist our volunteers with their good work and follow up any areas that they feel needs patrols or intervention.

Planning Enforcement

Performance	
Service Requests received in March 2022	3
Total number of Service Requests in 2021-22	46
Cases Closed this month	6
Notices Served	0

Open Spaces

Grass cutting recommenced on 1st March but with recent wet weather the larger areas will have to wait until it dries up somewhat. Smaller areas have started. Some new staff are welcomed aboard and will need to learn their areas, but we are confident that performance, good last year, will be better still in 2022.

The successful contractor (same as Snowley Park) was duly appointed to undertake the extension to the play area at Burdett Grove and work will commence in April 2022 on a 3-4-week programme worth £45k.

Several willow trees were cut back along the Manor field side of the Bower, the work was necessary and in the light of the subsequent storms this proved to be very opportune. We did lose a tree in St Mary's Church Garden, one on the Bower and one in Mulberry Close

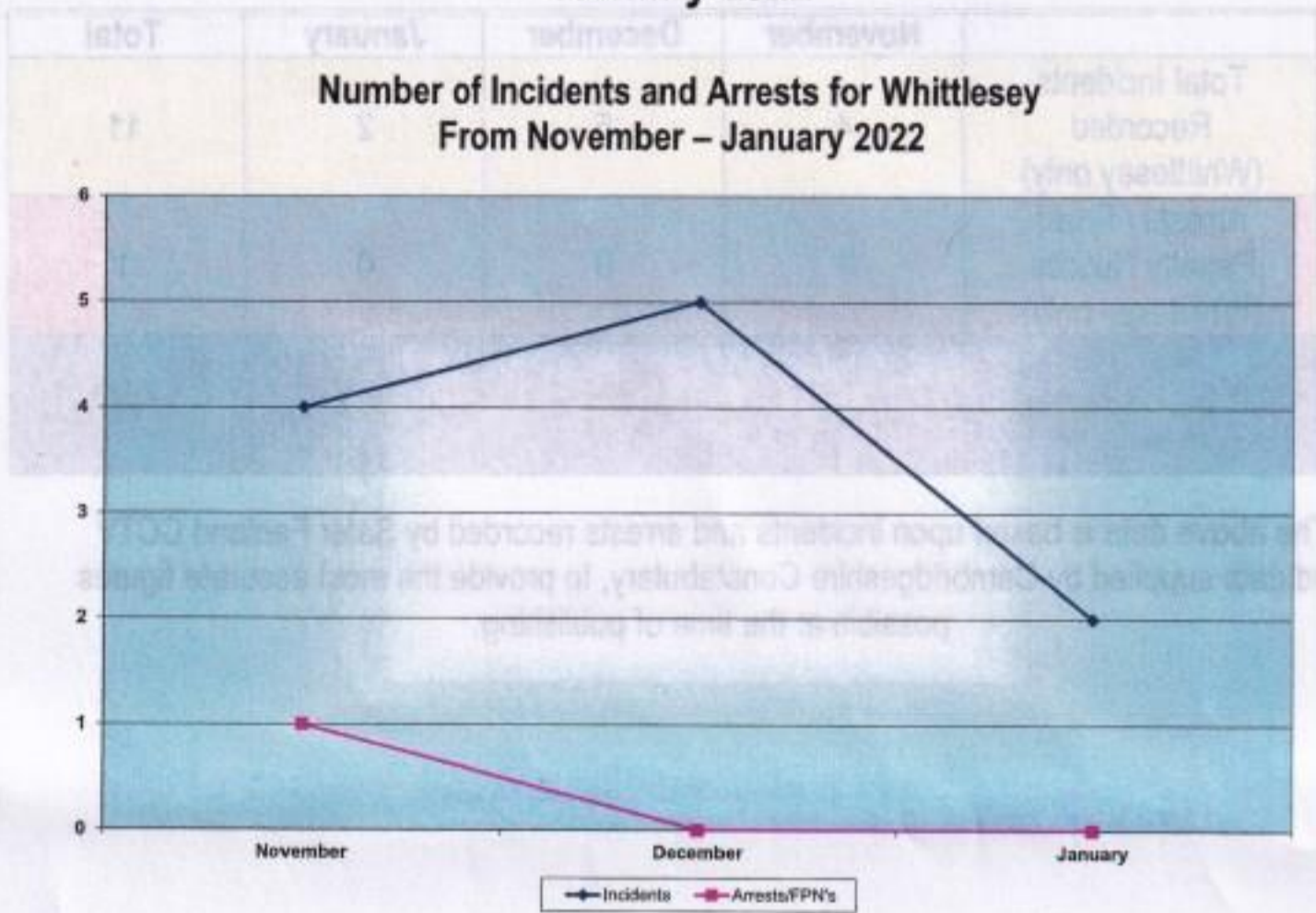
but damage in the town compared to elsewhere was minimal and no damage was reported.

Elsewhere in the town

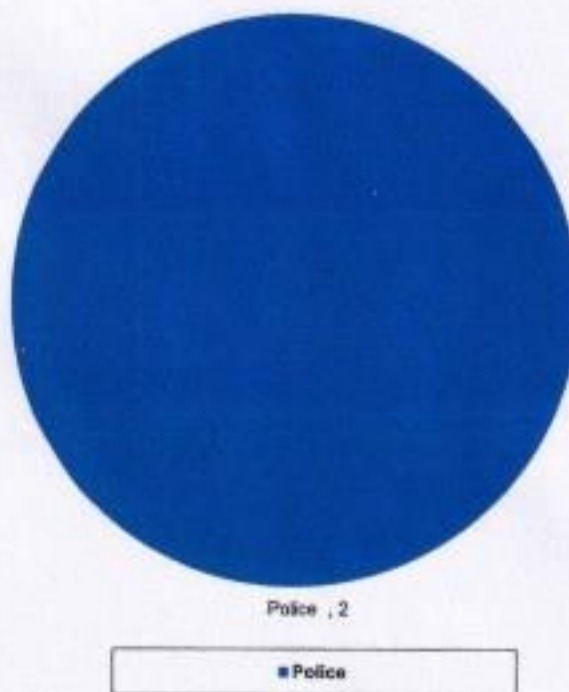
- Straw Bear pedestal – repair completed
- Manor LC entrance hedge – cut back
- Burdett Grove play area – strip out of existing bases
- Mulch – park run
- Diana Close – tree trim
- Tree work Peterborough Road
- Relocation of cherry tree to Ashline Grove

Contact Details	Issue
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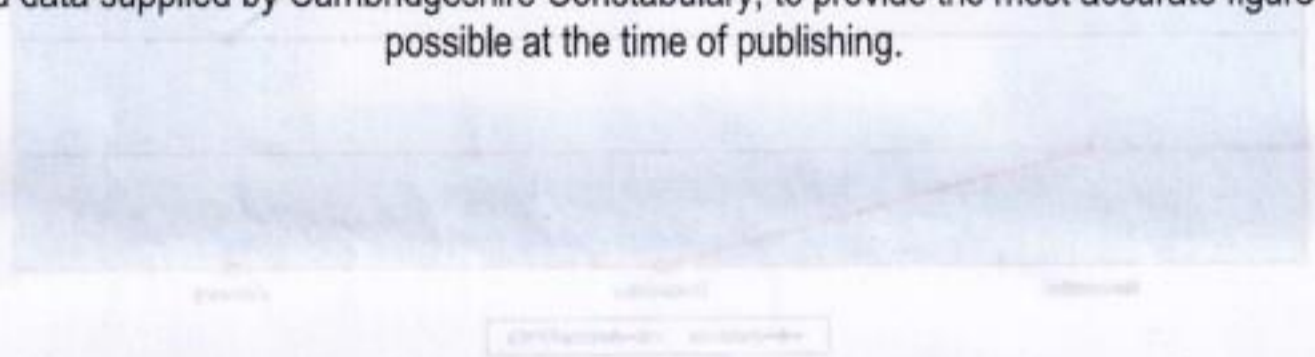
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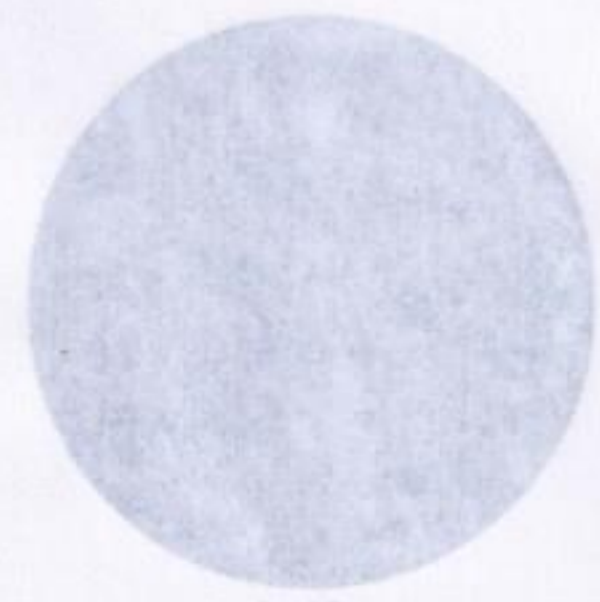
Data Chart of Performance Figures for previous three months

	November	December	January	Total
Total Incidents Recorded (Whittlesey only)	4	5	2	11
Arrests / Fixed Penalty Notices (Whittlesey only)	1	0	0	1
CCTV Patrols Completed (All Towns)	391	384	389	1164

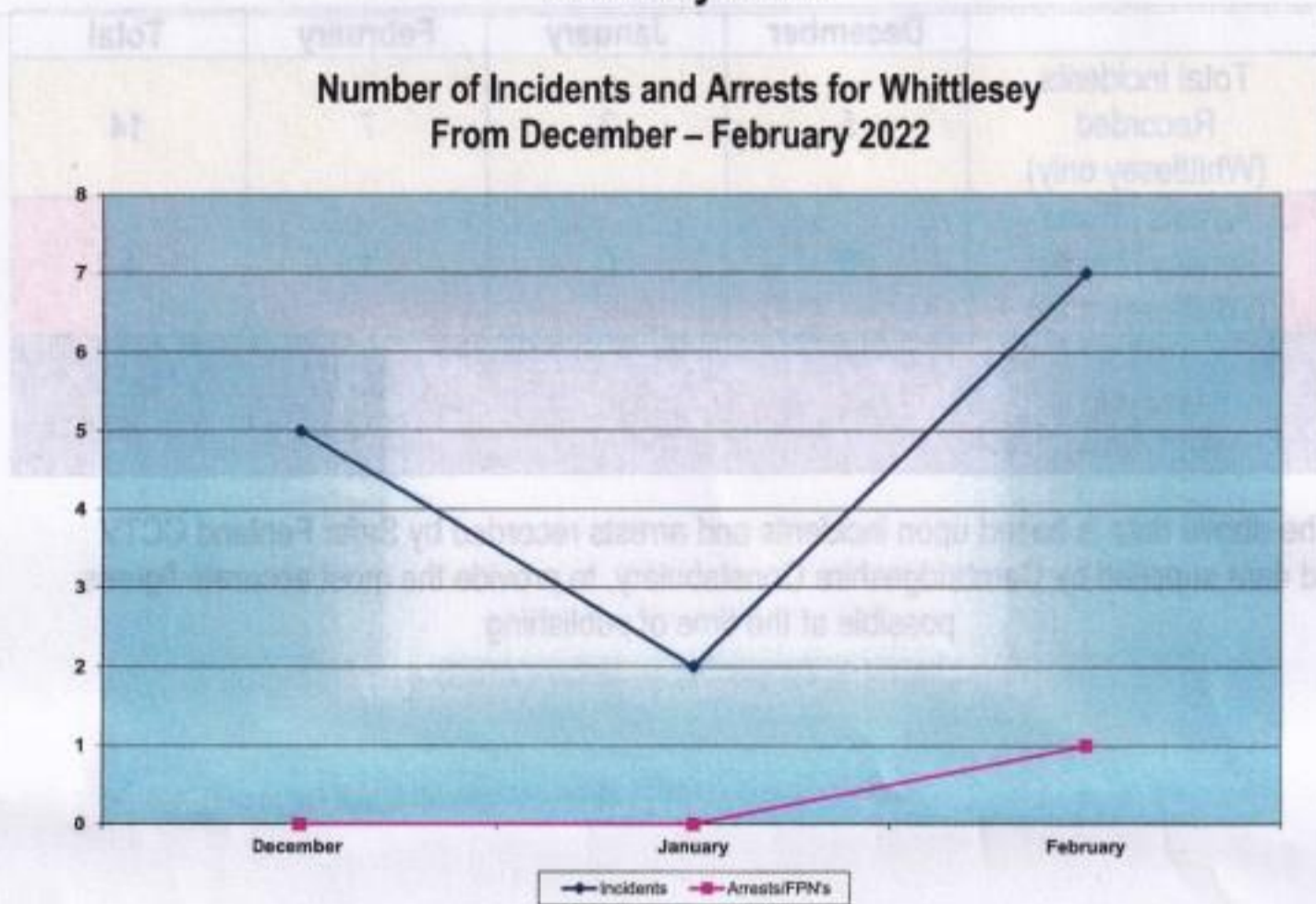
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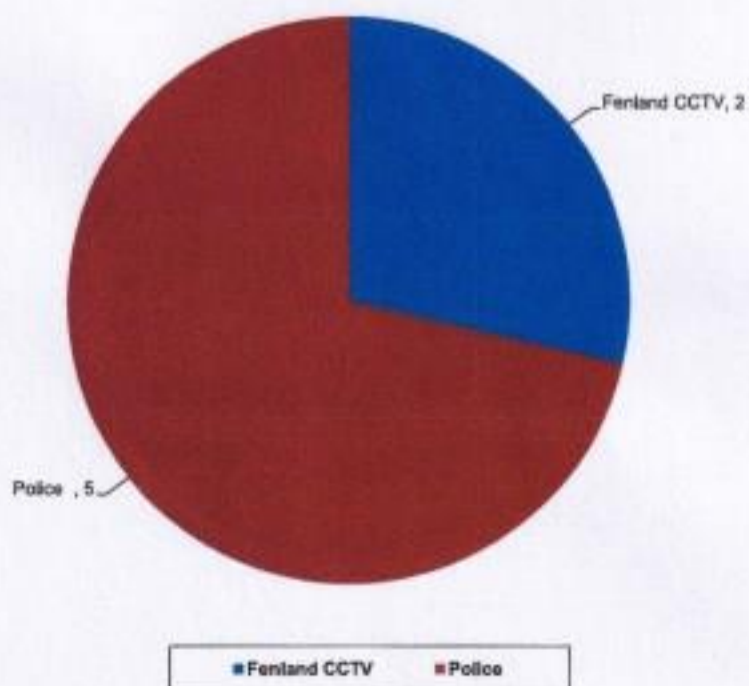
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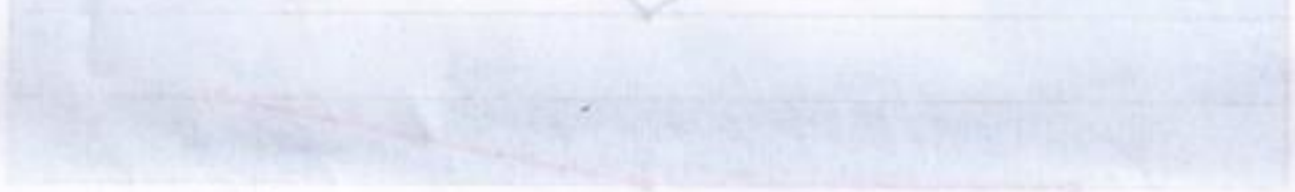
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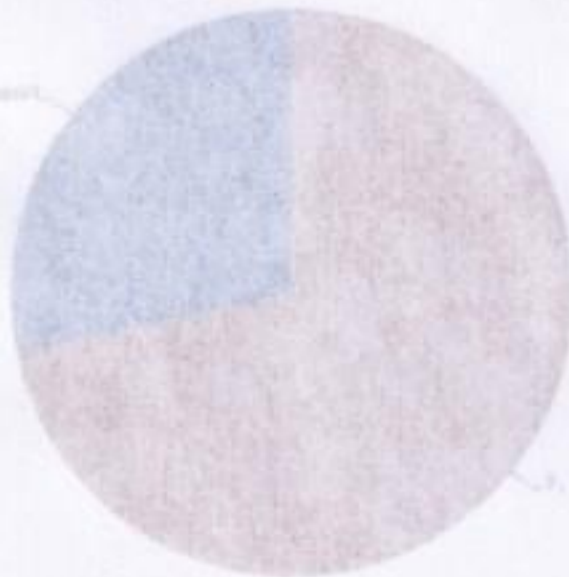
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	December	January	February	Total
Total Incidents Recorded (Whittlesey only)	5	2	7	14
Arrests / Fixed Penalty Notices (Whittlesey only)	0	0	1	1
CCTV Patrols Completed (All Towns)	384	389	286	1059

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Incidents by Call Source for Whittlesey for February



Whittlesey - February 2022

Total Calls for Service			
Town/ Village	Previous Month	Current Month	Difference
	01/01/22 - 31/01/22	01/02/22 - 28/02/22	
Berwick		10	10
Chatteris		123	123
Doddington		30	30
Manea		14	14
March		316	316
Whittlesey		175	175
Wimblington		23	23

Total Crimes Reported			
Town/ Village	Previous Month	Current Month	Difference
	01/01/22 - 31/01/22	01/02/22 - 28/02/22	
Berwick	6	1	-5
Chatteris	39	39	0
Doddington	3	4	1
Manea	10	11	1
March	124	132	8
Whittlesey	62	78	16
Wimblington	8	9	1

Rowdy/Nuisance Calls			
Town/ Village	Previous Month	Current Month	Difference
	01/01/22 - 31/01/22	01/02/22 - 28/02/22	
Berwick	0	0	0
Chatteris	6	4	-2
Doddington	0	1	1
Manea	0	0	0
March	16	12	-4
Whittlesey	7	5	-2
Wimblington	0	1	1

Vehicle Nuisance Calls			
Town/ Village	Previous Month	Current Month	Difference
	01/01/22 - 31/01/22	01/02/22 - 28/02/22	
Berwick	1	0	-1
Chatteris	9	5	-4
Doddington	1	0	-1
Manea	0	0	0
March	5	8	3
Whittlesey	3	3	0
Wimblington	0	0	0

Poaching Calls			
Town/ Village	Previous Month	Current Month	Difference
	01/01/22 - 31/01/22	01/02/22 - 28/02/22	
Berwick	2	0	-2
Chatteris	1	4	3
Doddington	2	0	-2
Manea	0	0	0
March	3	2	-1
Whittlesey	7	3	-4
Wimblington	1	1	0

Residential Burglary Crimes			
Town/ Village	Previous Month	Current Month	Difference
	01/01/22 - 31/01/22	01/02/22 - 28/02/22	
Berwick	1	0	-1
Chatteris	0	2	2
Doddington	0	0	0
Manea	0	0	0
March	0	4	4
Whittlesey	2	2	0
Wimblington	0	0	0

Criminal Damage Crimes			
Town/ Village	Previous Month	Current Month	Difference
	01/01/22 - 31/01/22	01/02/22 - 28/02/22	
Berwick	1	0	-1
Chatteris	6	7	1
Doddington	0	0	0
Manea	3	2	-1
March	13	10	-3
Whittlesey	13	10	-3
Wimblington	0	2	2

Theft from Motor Vehicle Crimes			
Town/ Village	Previous Month	Current Month	Difference
	01/01/22 - 31/01/22	01/02/22 - 28/02/22	
Berwick	0	0	0
Chatteris	1	0	-1
Doddington	0	1	1
Manea	1	1	0
March	2	3	1
Whittlesey	1	5	4
Wimblington	0	1	1