



Whittlesey Town Council Update

April 2022

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Street Pride and Community Groups

Whittlesey Street Pride held two litter picks in March. The first pick on 12th saw 17 volunteers focus on Station Road and surrounding streets and collect 30 bags.

Then on 26th, the group litter picked Ramsey Road – again 17 volunteers attended collecting 32 bags at this location.

Whittlesey Street Pride have recently welcomed new members which is great to hear.

Whittlesey in Bloom were also busy in March spending time weeding and tidying the Garden of Rest.

Environmental Health

In relation to Food and Health and Safety inspections in Whittlesey 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.

Noise and odour investigations are continuing regarding the Saxon Pit site at Whittlesey. Work with the site owner and commercial premises at the site has currently resulted in no further complaints being received and no actual nuisance witnessed. All local complainants and town councillors have been fully advised. The Environmental Health Officers are working closely with Cambs County Council and the Environment Agency to ensure good communication and understanding between the authorities.

Streetscene

Performance	
Total number of hours out and about on patrol in the local community:	108hrs
Number of cleansing inspections carried out:	15
Percentage of cleansing inspections found to be of a suitable standard:	100%

Tidy Fenland – Fly Tipping

Below are the fly tipping figures for February and March.

Month	Total	Chatteris	March	Whittlesey	Wisbech	Villages	W'sey Villages
Feb-22	56	3	13	8	11	33	0

Month	Total	Chatteris	March	Whittlesey	Wisbech	Villages	W'sey Villages
Mar-22	115	7	11	10	27	60	0

Over the last 2 months out of the 18 tips in Whittlesey we have attended 13. The waste found ranged from tyres, horse manure, soil, green waste, bed bases and mattresses. Sadly, despite searching amongst the waste there was no leads to follow up.

Waste fly tipped in the dyke behind Snowley Park has been cleared by Cross Keys Housing and the occupier we believe to be responsible was served with a Fixed penalty Notice. This remains unpaid and will now be referred to Legal.

Tidy Fenland – Green Dog Walkers

We have noticed on our patrols a small increase around our town and villages regarding dog fouling. So, we have ensured we are out in those areas effected talking to dog owners, checking for bags and refreshing signs.

A report of 2 dogs running loose in North and South Green at Coates is being investigated but we have not witnessed this happening. By continuing to keep a visible presence through patrols and ensured signs are refreshed/put up and delivering information to nearby residents regarding this issue in the hope whoever is responsible will stop or are reported to us.

Abandoned and Nuisance vehicles

Street Scene received 21 reports of vehicles being abandoned this month, with 7 being in the Whittlesey area. All were investigated and 4 did not meet the criteria.

1 was confirmed stolen by the police who were dealing with it, 1 belonged to a resident and was moved later the same day, and the last 1 one was issued with a 15 day notice due to being on private land but was moved by persons unknown before a DVLA search could be done. The 1 nuisance vehicle reported was moved by persons unknown following help in locating the owner from our PSCO.

Markets & Fairs

Our Market traders have reported that things are picking up as the spring weather arrives and more people are out and about.

The Spring Fair arrived in March and opened to the public. They reported a good turn out and have asked the Council to consider allowing a Sunday opening as a trial going forward. This is being considered.

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

Street Scene Actions this month

- Officers have been out promoting our Trade Waste Collection Service. So far 20 Whittlesey businesses have been visited to check in with existing customers and offer our service to others.
- CCC Highways - 3 issues reported this month, the faded parking bay lines outside the Sunshine Café, cars not leaving enough space for the disabled bays, 2 broken barrier posts on Briggate East and a broken public right of way sign.
- We have marked 2 graves and 2 ashes plots in our cemetery this month.
- Several site visits have been carried out this month in the town on behalf of council colleagues, such as licensing, planning, housing and Environmental health. Matters covered included checking valid license's displayed, vermin, fire escape restrictions, and properties which maybe unsafe or unfit to live in.
- 1 street name sign has been reported to Assets Team for a replacement.
- We have been out talking to residents regarding refuse matters such as checking waste, moving bins blocking the path, bins reported as being left out to early. All will be needing weekly revisits to make sure that they continue as asked.
- Street Pride - we continue to assist our volunteers with their good work and follow up any areas that they feel needs patrols or intervention.
- Anglian Water was asked to remove their fence from around our litter bin on Eastrea Rd so that the dog walks would stop leaving their poo bags on the floor and to fill the hole beside the foot path had appeared.
- Environment Agency - A broken river sign has been reported.