



Whittlesey Town Council Update

May 2022

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Street Pride and Community Groups

Whittlesey Street Pride once again held two litter picks this month. 9th April saw 21 volunteers, including two new members, litter pick Lattersey Nature Reserve and surrounding streets. On 23rd April, the group then litter picked Stonald Road and neighbouring areas. This pick saw the group joined by their youngest member who is 8 years old. It is great to hear that young people are joining in and showing an interest in the local environment.

Whittlesey in Bloom spent time during April tidying up areas of the cemetery by weeding, planting and edging the flower beds. The group work hard tending to the cemetery to keep it in an inviting condition for visitors to remember loved ones.

Environmental Health

The Environmental Health Team are continuing to work with the owners and businesses at the Saxon Pit in Whittlesey to ensure that noise and dust is kept to a minimum at the site. The Environment Agency and the Cambs CC Planning Section are also liaising with the team on a regular basis.

In relation to Food and Health and Safety inspections in March the EH Team are now up to date with inspections required by the food standards agency recovery plan for 2020-2022. A new series of inspection has now started in line with the 2022 - 2023 recovery plan. This is a new way of working due to the coronavirus pandemic. Changes are imminent in relation to beauty treatments such as Botox and fillers. These treatments are likely to require a local authority license, and this may affect a number of local Fenland businesses. Local businesses will receive information as soon as it is available.

Streetscene

Performance	
Total number of hours out and about on patrol in the local community:	84hours
Number of cleansing inspections carried out:	15
Percentage of cleansing inspections found to be of a suitable standard:	100%

Tidy Fenland - Fly Tipping

Total number of fly tipped waste incidents was 70 for April. Shown below in a breakdown of locations.

Month	Total	Chatteris	March	Whittlesey	Wisbech	Villages	W'sey Villages
Apr-22	70	2	4	3	16	45	3

5 of the 6 sites in our district were attended by Street Scene officers but no evidence was found which could be followed up.

Our enforcement continues where we can follow up any leads for those who may be responsible for fly tipping. A Fixed Penalty Notice was issued this month following an ongoing investigation into a Duty of Care breach where waste was found dumped in the town.

To assist in reducing waste being fly tipped we have carried out 19 visits to business's this month. This is to check compliance and ensure waste is being disposed of responsibly.

Tidy Fenland - Green Dog Walkers

Complaints about breaches of the dog control order have been followed up resulting in 2 interventions and advice about the enforcement order.

Additional patrols have taken place in Thornham Way, Horsegate and Park Lane following the number of reported issues of dog fouling by the public. Our patrols have not found any but we will continue to keep a visible presence.

Nuisance and abandoned Vehicles

A report of someone sleeping in their car on Kings Delph was resolved following a visit where the owner made contact and was moved on.

2 Reports of abandoned vehicles were received this month but were later found to not be abandoned. 1 was reported to the DVLA for having no tax and the 2nd moved following a request to the owner.

Markets & Fairs.

The Showman's Guild have confirmed they will be arriving with the summer Fair on the 25th May opening to the public on the 27th -29th and leaving on Monday 30th May. The dates of the Autumn fair are as yet unknown but will likely be 2nd week September.

Street Scene Actions

- The new concrete bollard on the entrance to Church Street was reported via the online reporting service as being broken and a request to collect it as it was on the footpath.
- Cemetery visits continue with 10 plots marked this month and 1 plot re inspected. We are also on hand to give guidance to a relative on how to get a headstone repaired through a registered stonemason.
- An overflowing dog bin was reported for emptying.
- Fly posters advertising events and yard sales in Coates, Eastrea and Whittlesey were removed.
- We have reported to our environmental health colleagues the potential noise nuisance of a fire alarm continuously going off at Grosvenor House. The new owner is being located as it is causing concern at night-time.
- The Council are trying to find who is responsible for the maintenance of the small green area with trees in Barnes Way following the building company no longer existing to clear the partly blocked footpath. This area is causing issues amongst residents who have begun to dispute who can use this for plants and mowed grass.
- We continue to assist with refuse issues around the town including bulky collection referrals.
- Equipment has been delivered to our street pride volunteers to support with their events.

Planning Enforcement

Performance	
Service Requests received in April 2022	2
Total number of Service Requests in 2021-22	45
Cases Closed this month	9
Notices Served	0

Open Spaces

Grass cutting recommenced on 1st March and has progressed well since then. Last year's hot-spot, Manor Field, has seen some extra attention and looks great but all areas in the town have received at least two cuts as per schedule. The wildflower meadow is beginning to green up as the warmer weather takes effect. Cemetery cuts have all been on time and to a good standard too.

Burdett Grove play area is due to complete w/c 16/05. The new equipment looks great and will be a fine addition to the play areas of the town. Sadly, vandalism has already started with gangs of youths attempting to rip up the grass matting.

The two giant conifers in Whittlesey cemetery have been pruned and lowered, reducing the potential for serious damage in the event of a fall. At the same time the window in the chapel was repaired. As part of the Queens Jubilee Celebration the leader of the Council planted a ceremonial oak tree in the grounds of Sir Harry Smith School (along with 3 others elsewhere in the district)

Adoption of the play area and adjoining fields at Yarwell's Headland has now been completed and this now becomes part of the Tivoli maintenance regime for cutting and inspections.

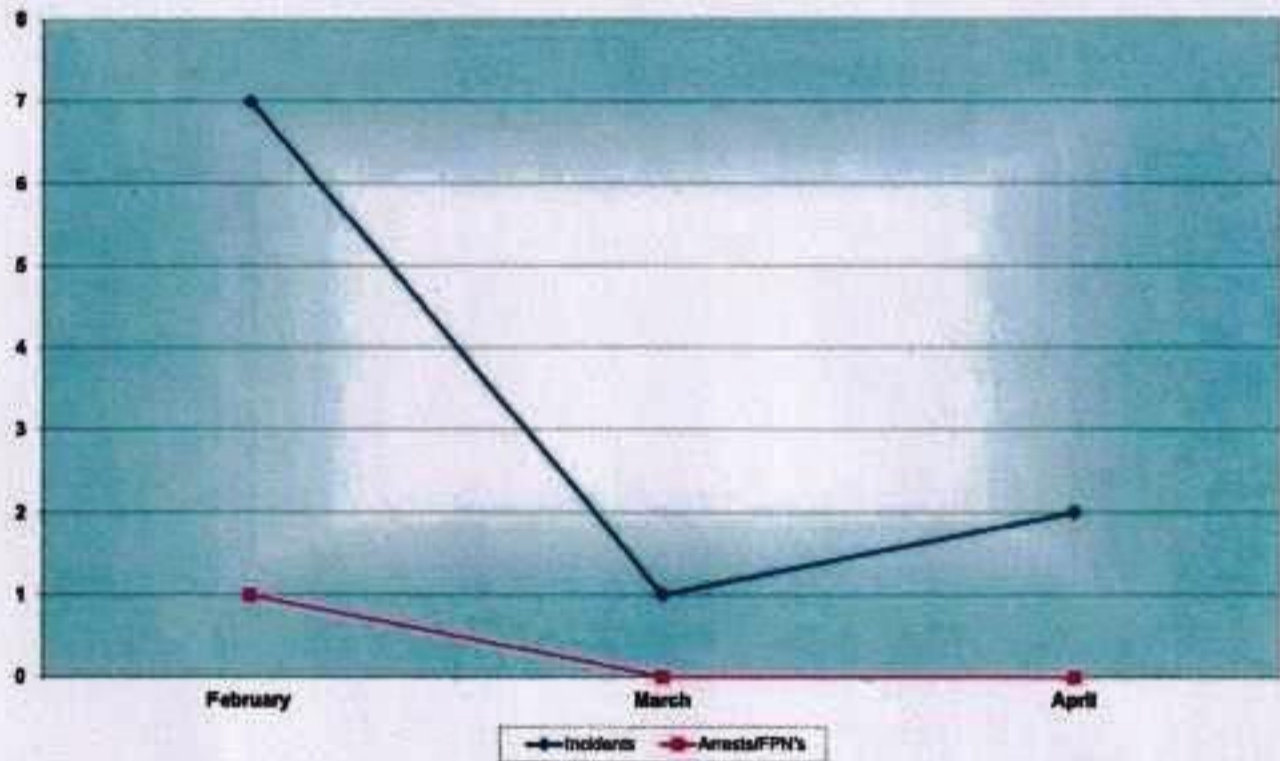
The circus came to town early in the month and was very successful with a very neat clear up operation taking place. Further events, including Big Bash II are scheduled for the summer.

Elsewhere in the town:

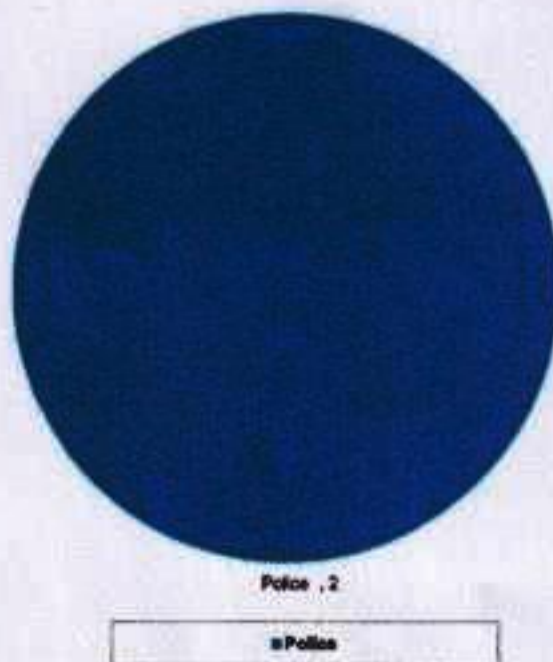
- Straw Bear pedestal – repair completed
- Garden of rest – new plants
- Garden of Rest – beds cleared
- Relocation of cherry tree to Ashline Grove
- Queen street – tree trimmed
- Pinewood Ave – crown reduction

Whittlesey Town Council CCTV update April 2022

Number of Incidents and Arrests for Whittlesey
From February - April 2022



Incidents by Call Source for Whittlesey for April



Data Chart of Performance Figures for previous three months

	February	March	April	Total
Total Incidents Recorded (Whittlesey only)	7	1	2	10
Arrests / Fixed Penalty Notices (Whittlesey only)	1	0	0	1
CCTV Patrols Completed (All Towns)	286	297	294	877

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.