



Whittlesey Town Council Update

July 2022

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Street Pride and Community Groups

June was a busy month for Whittlesey Street Pride. The group held a committee meeting where they discussed future projects and planned litter picking locations for the remainder of the year.

On 26th June, the group attended the Big Bash 2 where they had a stall to promote themselves as well as undertaking litter picking throughout the day.

The group also spent time refurbishing one of their gateway projects at Kings Delph. Unfortunately, the boat used as a flower bed needed replacing, so the group have installed a flower bed surround made from recycled plastic with a plough as the centrepiece, in its place. The group plan to add further aspects to this site over time.

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.

A number of large building sites are now in operation in Whittlesey which have caused a number of complaints to Environmental Health. These are mainly about noise from piling operations and dust from the overall building works. The builders are required to show investigating officers proof of dust suppression and techniques used to suppress

noise. Overall they must be able to show they have taken every step possible to prevent a nuisance to local residents.

A report has now been forwarded to the Food Standards Agency showing that Env H FDC have now caught up with the outstanding food hygiene inspections since lockdown stalled progress. Inspectors are finding that some premises have lapsed in the food safety management and work with local Whittlesey businesses has been needed to advice and encourage them to implement better hygiene standards. A further food hygiene inspector has now been recruited by the team which will assist us across the district to improve food safety and public health. Recent inspections have shown that some take-aways in the town have lapsed in their food safety management and written warnings have been issued. Inspectors are working with these premises who have the option of requesting a re-score once their food safety management has improved. The re-score inspection is carried out with a 12 week period and is unannounced.

Streetscene

Performance	
Total number of hours out and about on patrol in the local community:	88 hrs
Number of cleansing inspections carried out:	12
Percentage of cleansing inspections found to be of a suitable standard:	98%

Tidy Fenland - Fly Tipping

During June, the Council received and removed 53 instances of fly tipping. Broken down into locations is shown below:

Month	Total	Chatteris	March	Whittlesey	Wisbech	Villages	W'sey Villages
May-22	53	3	13	7	3	27	1

The majority of was found was household related and consisted of bulky items and bagged waste.

Officers attended 5 fly tipping incidents this month out of the 8 for this area to look for evidence as to who maybe responsible. We found evidence at 2 of these and will be following this up. Both relate to addresses in Peterborough. We also continue to patrol areas in and around Whittlesey which may suffer from fly tipping. This includes the Green Wheel footpath.

Green Dog Walkers

The open spaces are being well visited with the warmer weather and so we continue our patrols and engagement with the dog walking community and are pleased to notice less fouling. We have also only had 2 reports relating to irresponsible dog ownership in June which is a positive indication. 1 service request related to a dog being off a lead along the Green Wheel but the dog owner was spoken to and agreed to put the dog on a lead. We are also having a visible presence in Park Lane following concern from a resident about a visually impaired dog walker.

Nuisance and abandoned Vehicles

There were 3 abandoned vehicles reported this month and 3 reported as a nuisance this month. All were inspected and required no further action as had been moved by the owner.

Markets & Fairs.

The RSPB, City College Peterborough and Cambridgeshire County Council early years trailer have attended this month's market to promote community events.

We are also welcoming back out mobility scooter stall who has had to take some time off. He will return in September.

The Autumn fair dates are yet to be confirmed but likely to be the 2nd week in September.

Street Scene Actions

- Sadly, the town has experienced some Anti-Social Behaviour with graffiti, vandalism and mindless littering around the town. Plus, a bus shelter window was smashed in Eastrea. We continue to monitor the area and intervene and remove where possible. We also have kept Police colleagues in the loop.
- An inspection of the bollards on the Market Place has been organized for July, with hope of them being fixed and including an ongoing

maintenance schedule too after they were found to be difficult to lower and put up.

- CCC Highways have been advised of an overgrown hedge blocking the view for drivers, 2 blocked road gullies and a weedy path.
- 7 graves have been marked for Parks and Open Spaces this month.
- Additional service requests for Cleansing were needed following an overflowing litter bin and excess litter seen around the town. We also requested a footpath to be swept.
- Environmental Health and Licensing colleagues have asked if we can keep an eye on the Coffee Tavern as they are not permitted to put tables and chairs out on the footpath.
- We have also assisted international visitors for directions to Sir Harry Smiths Grave.
- We reported a grassed area as overgrown and visited the hedges in another open spaces to report further maintenance.
- Carried out recycling checks and offered education and advice to 3 streets following refuse issues.
- 5 businesses were visited this month to check trade waste compliance. This resulted in 1 new trade waste customer sign up.

Planning Enforcement

Performance	
Service Requests received in June 2022	2
Total number of Service Requests in 2021-22 (June to June)	40
Cases Closed this month	5
Notices Served	0

Open Spaces

Grass growth has slowed since the arrival of the hotter weather but all areas have been maintained to standard thus far. Hedges take centre stage in July for their first trim of the year and the teams are out addressing the multitude of public hedges in the next 4 weeks. Manor Field continues to look great with the

wildflower meadow now in full bloom. Two notice boards have been ordered to display pictures and to tell the visitors what the meadow is all about. These will be installed shortly. We still have our hard-core detractors who consider the investment a waste of time and money but the majority of public opinion appears to be on our side. Improvements to the access road alongside the tennis courts have been made with a new service which benefitted the splendid organisational efforts for Big Bash II

Burdett Grove play area has been an unwanted hot spot for adverse behaviour and police have been on site repeatedly to address a number of issues. Following talks with the police, amendments to the layout will take place shortly, the graffiti offender has been identified and spoken to (by the police), and new bins have been installed. Graffiti has been cleared up daily but following damage the day after it was painted, one of the gates has been removed. The grass matting has also been damaged, deliberately, in a number of places.

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.

Elsewhere in the town

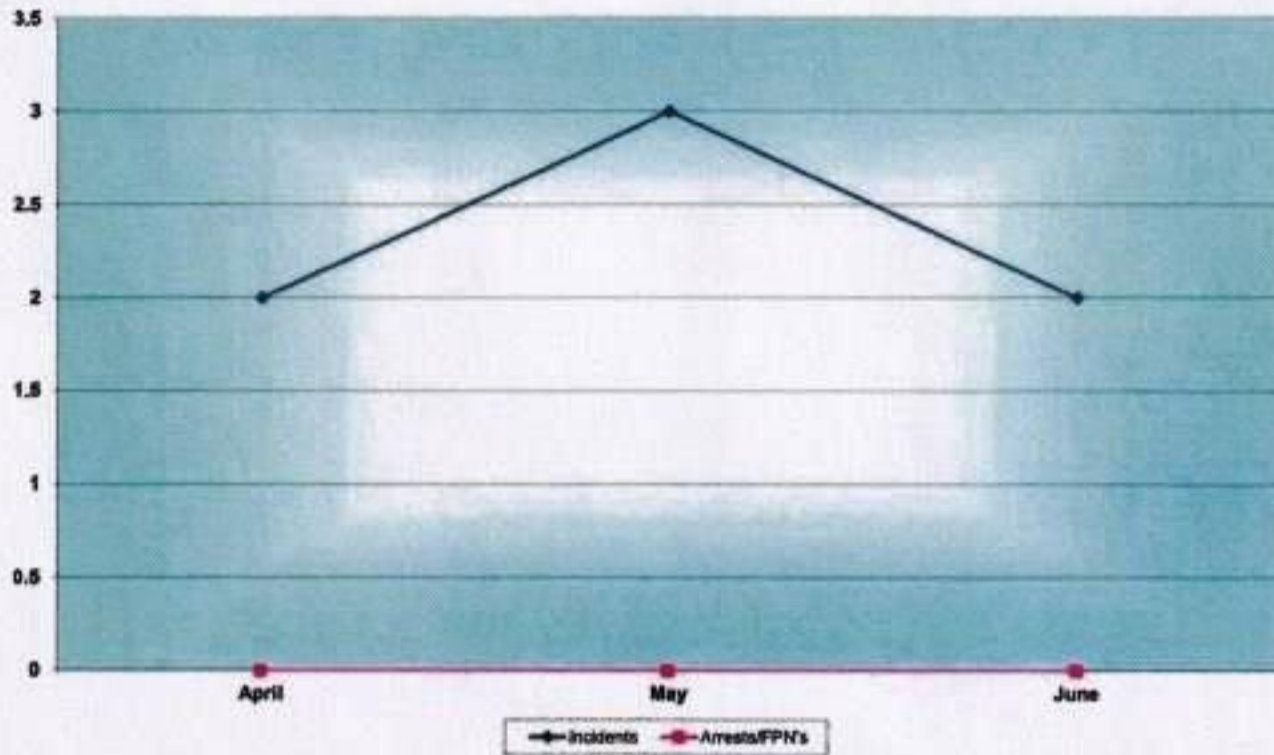
- Garden of Rest – beds cleared, new plants installed
- Water Tower play area – repairs
- Snowley Park play – clear up
- Queen Street tree – cut back
- Eastgate – hedge trim
- Springfields (Eastrea) - clearance
- War Memorial (Eastrea) – cleared
- Church Street – hedge work
- Snowley Park – general tidy
- New trees watered

Coming soon

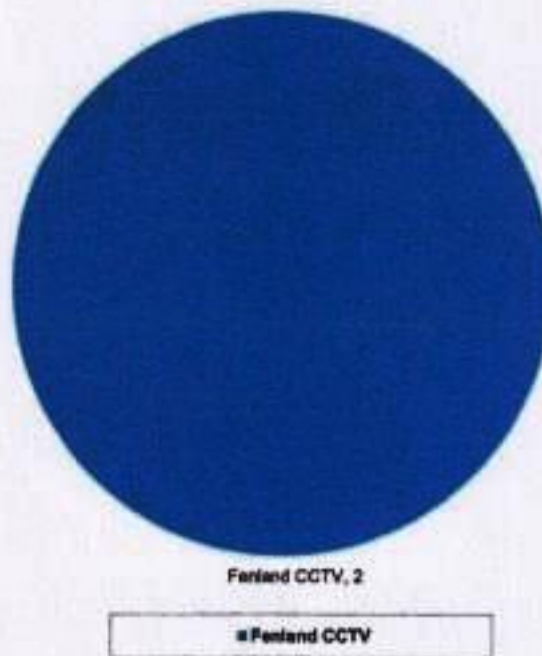
- Tree work – Peterborough Road
- Jubilee Memorial bench – Garden of Rest

Whittlesey Town Council CCTV update June 2022

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



Incidents by Call Source for Whittlesey for June



Data Chart of Performance Figures for previous three months

	April	May	June	Total
Total Incidents Recorded (Whittlesey only)	2	3	2	7
Arrests / Fixed Penalty Notices (Whittlesey only)	0	0	0	0
CCTV Patrols Completed (All Towns)	294	381	354	1029

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.