



## Whittlesey Town Council Update

August 2022

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### Street Pride and Community Groups

Whittlesey Street Pride held two litter picks in July, where they were joined by new volunteers. The group collected 38 bags across both litter picks.

Then following on from the refurbishment of their gateway project at Kings Delph last month, the group finished the installation this month, by adding flowers which provides a colourful background to the area.

Also, during this month the group took some time to relax and mix socially by holding their annual summer party. Members of Whittlesey in Bloom were also invited to join in with the celebrations.

### 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 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



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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.

A number of dust complaints have been received in relation to new home building sites in Whittlesey. Builders have to take all reasonable steps to prevent a dust or noise nuisance to local residents. The warm, dry and windy weather means an increased need to suppress the dust by the use of water bowsers and cubed water and builders have to show environmental health officers the logs they are keeping on site of all the works carried out to prevent noise and dust complaints.

### Streetscene

Performance	
<b>Total number of hours out and about on patrol in the local community:</b>	<b>79 hrs</b>
<b>Number of cleansing inspections carried out:</b>	<b>15 Lafesey &amp; St Andrews Wards</b>
<b>Percentage of cleansing inspections found to be of a suitable standard:</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Tidy Fenland – Fly Tipping

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



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Month	Total	Chatteris	March	Whittlesey	Wisbech	Villages	Coates	Turves
Jan-22	45	0	3	7	8	27	2	4

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 7 for this area to look for evidence as to who maybe responsible. We found evidence at 3 of these and will be following this up. One relates to an address in Peterborough and the other two related locally.

We also continue to patrol areas in and around Whittlesey which may suffer from fly tipping. This includes the Green Wheel footpath.

1 FPN for a breach of Householders Duty of Care was paid this month.

### Green Dog Walker

Patrols continue through the hot weather of July, mainly Thornham Way (Eastrea), Riverside Close, Church Street, The Bower, MLC field and Park Lane for dog fouling. With Park Lane have the most issues of dog fouling. North & South Green Coates have had continuing patrols following no more completed of dog not on leads on the grass. The dog bag dispenser is replenished weekly. Signage and stickers are replaced and installed where and when needed.

### Nuisance And Abandoned Vehicles

There were 3 reports of an abandoned vehicles this month, 1 was taxed after finding the owner by door knocking, 1 was moved by person unknown following a site visit and taking photos of the vehicle and the last did not meet the criteria of an abandoned vehicle but is being monitored as the road tax expires in September.



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### Markets & Fairs

The hot weather did not stop the public from attending the market this month but there was a visible drop in foot fall over the middle of the day and afternoon.

The marketplace started Sir Harry Smith School Prom Night this month.

The Showman's Guild have advised that they will be attending Whittlesey Market Place meaning the Market will move to Station Rd carpark on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September.

### Street Scene Actions

- ASB patrols continue in.
  - 1) Yarwell's Headland, the tree branches are being broken off and some smaller trees are being snapped off at the ground too.
  - 2) St Marys Church Yard. litter, drug paraphernalia and again branches being broken. Parks and open spaces are looking in the cost of having that end of the church yard cleared of bushes, so to remove the hidey holes.
  - 3) Garden of Rest, following the litter, paint, and bench issues.
  - 4) Graffiti still is a problem and will be removed for FDC assets.

- Assets – have been informed that the public right of way is impassable that runs through FDC land. This is located behind FDC Station Road Industrial Estate and the river. The round concrete planter at the end of High Causeway will be moved to allow BT safe access to the main hole.
- CCC Highways – broken bridge railing and an overgrown verge have been reported via their report it to Highways website [Cambridgeshire County Council](https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/) -



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[Report It](#) . Plus, a member of the public was redirected to their website following a disabled access/parking

issue.

- Cemeteries - 2 marked graves this month and 1 missing bench.
- Fly Posting – 6 Circus poster have been removed.
- Cleansing - Graffiti and Vomit reported for clearing.
- Refuse – 2 issues of recycling were dealt with by site visits on their behalf.
- Street Pride – delivering bags and new litter picker
- Trade Waste – 3 visits to potential new customers and 1 business previously visited revisited. 1 site visit regarding trade bags not being collect two weeks in a row, spoke to the opps manager and revisited next collection day and all ok. Another business site visit following two weeks of non-collection of trade bins due to, too heavy. A conversation with the customer and the trade waste supervisor and the problem has been resolved but will monitor.

### Planning Enforcement

Performance	
Service Requests received in July 2022	1
Total number of Service Requests in 2021-22 (July to July)	38
Cases Closed this month	3
Notices Served	0

### Open Spaces

Grass growth has virtually stopped since the arrival of the hotter weather but all areas have been maintained to standard thus far. Occasional misses, speedily reported by the ever-vigilant public, have been quickly rectified. Hedges have



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taken centre stage in July/early August for their first trim of the year and the teams are out addressing the multitude of public hedges in the next 6 weeks. A second cut takes place in November.

Burdett Grove remains a hot spot for adverse behaviour and police have been on site repeatedly to address various issues. Amendments to the layout will take place shortly, the graffiti offender (13) 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 and repair work has already been required. On the plus side the area is busy still although not necessarily to the satisfaction of neighbours

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. Inevitably, the whole playground was covered with graffiti within days although this has now been cleared off.

The Garden of Remembrance also suffered from anti-social behaviour forcing a locking of the gates whilst the new bench (vandalised on day one) was replaced and re-bolted. Over the summer the gates will be locked overnight.

Despite the above the town looks good if a little parched. Manor Wildflower area has gone over the top and will be cut down shortly to reseed but the interpretation boards, populated by photographs provided by local residents, will be installed shortly

### Elsewhere in the town

- Garden of Rest – beds cleared, new plants installed, new bench, gates locked
- Snowley Park play – clear up
- Eastgate – hedge trim



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- Church Street – hedge work
- New trees watered
- The Paddocks – hedge work
- Removal of large flower tub (A605)
- Pinewood – No ball games sign replaced