



Whittlesey Town Council Update

September 2022

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Street Pride and Community Groups

In September, Whittlesey Street Pride held two litter picks. Both picks saw a great turnout of members.

The Anglia In Bloom results were announced at an award ceremony on 7th September and it was another extremely successful year for Benwick In Bloom as they achieved Silver Gilt in the Village category.

All of the volunteers and partner organisations involved should be very proud of themselves. The hard work certainly paid off and a fantastic well done to all involved!

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.

Discussions with local residents is also ongoing.

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



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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.

This month 20 Food Safety inspections have been carried out in the Whittlesey and surrounding villages area and 1 of these inspections has resulted in a written warning. 2 Health and Safety inspections have also been carried out in relation to new tattoo and beauty salon premises.

Streetscene

Performance	
Total number of hours out and about on patrol in the local community:	91 hrs
Number of cleansing inspections carried out:	15
Percentage of cleansing inspections found to be of a suitable standard:	100%

Tidy Fenland – Fly Tipping

September's Fly Tipping date is shown below. Waste found was mainly household related.

Month	Total	Chatteris	March	Whittlesey	Wisbech	Villages
Sept-21	36	2	11	3	4	16



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Villages affected:

Christchurch	Coates	Coldham	Doddington	Eastrea	Elm	Rings End	Wimblington	Wisbech St Mary
4	0	0	2	0	1	1	2	1

Friday Bridge	Gorefield	Guyhirn	Leverington	Manea	Murrow	Newton	Parson Drove
0	0	1	1	2	1	0	0

Documentation was found at one fly tipping site in Whittlesey out of the 3 that were reported to Street Scene. This is still being investigated. We continue to visit the hot spots and show presents with posters.

Tidy Fenland – Green Dog Walkers

We have shown a presence in our open spaces during September, including in rural areas. Although this has resulted in a reduction in the number of fouling reported to us via our webform, we are starting to see the impact of the darker morning and night drawing in. Over the next few weeks, we will increase our visibility within the main dog walking areas to encourage responsible dog ownership.

Other Street Scene Actions include:

- Abandoned Vehicles – 3 were reported this month in your area. All were investigated but did not require any further action from the Council and were moved by their owners.
- ASB reported by residents around the new bench in St Mary's Church Yard has seen an increase in the noise, litter and vandalism reported in this location. Partner agencies have been alerted and we will continue to visit the location where possible.



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- The floor of the Buttercross was cleaned following sticky drinks and sweets being left over the surface.
- Assets were informed of a broken fence and the damage done to the recycling bins in Grosvenor Road car park after a car crashed into them.
- The marketplace drop bollards are awaiting repair which we hope will be carried out shortly. This will mean the temporary railings can be removed.
- 2 of the benches at the bus stop in Grosvenor Road have sadly been vandalised and reported to for repair.
- CCC Highways Reports – 9 hedges this month were reported to us due to blocking the foot path. After speaking with residents, we were pleased that all but 3 made their own arrangements to trim them back. The other 3 had to be reported as noncompliant to the County.
- Residents raised concern for cars parking on the grass at Springfields in Eastrea. We spoke with residents to remind them not to park on the grass but ourselves and the County Council have no enforcement powers for this minor offence.
- Cemeteries – 10 graves have been marked for burials this month.
- Enviro Health – we continue to support colleagues in carrying out site visits on their behalf, taking photos and reporting our findings to allow both teams to be efficient with their time.
- Graffiti – a proactive approach was continued this month to remove graffiti from around a play area and bins.
- Patrols of the Council owned mooring has been carried out. 1 boat reported to have overstayed had moved on when we arrived.
- Concerns relating to activities at Crease Bank has been reported to the Police, Planning enforcement, and Middle Level following reports from the public and own observations.
- Visits to properties that leave their bins on the path blocking access following emptying, continues to take place.



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- Trade waste bins with side waste left on the marketplace saw a business spoken to. The staff were new, and we were happy to assist them with clarifying their collection.

Markets and Fairs

Due to the Sad passing of our Queen the fair was postponed and will now visit Whittlesey on the 12th – 17th October.

Planning Enforcement

Performance	
Service Requests received as at 22 Sept 2022	3
Total number of Service Requests in 2021-22 (Sept to Sept)	37
Cases Closed this month	2
Notices Served	0

Open Spaces

Hot weather reduces grass growth so July, August and September have been relatively quiet mowing months allowing the team to crack on with a multitude of associated responsibilities, most notably commencing the first of two annual hedge cuts across the district.

More recent rain and cooler weather has reinvigorated the grass and cutting regimes have returned to normal with all the major areas and cemeteries getting priority attention.



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Burdett Grove remains a hot spot for adverse behaviour and following neighbour complaints the goal area will be relocated to the Manor field in the near future. The grass matting has also been damaged, deliberately, in a number of places and repair work has already been required. The trampoline remains decommissioned until further notice following further vandalism.

Manor Wildflower area has gone over the top and will be cut down shortly to reseed and the interpretation boards, populated by photographs provided by local residents, will be installed shortly

Elsewhere in the town

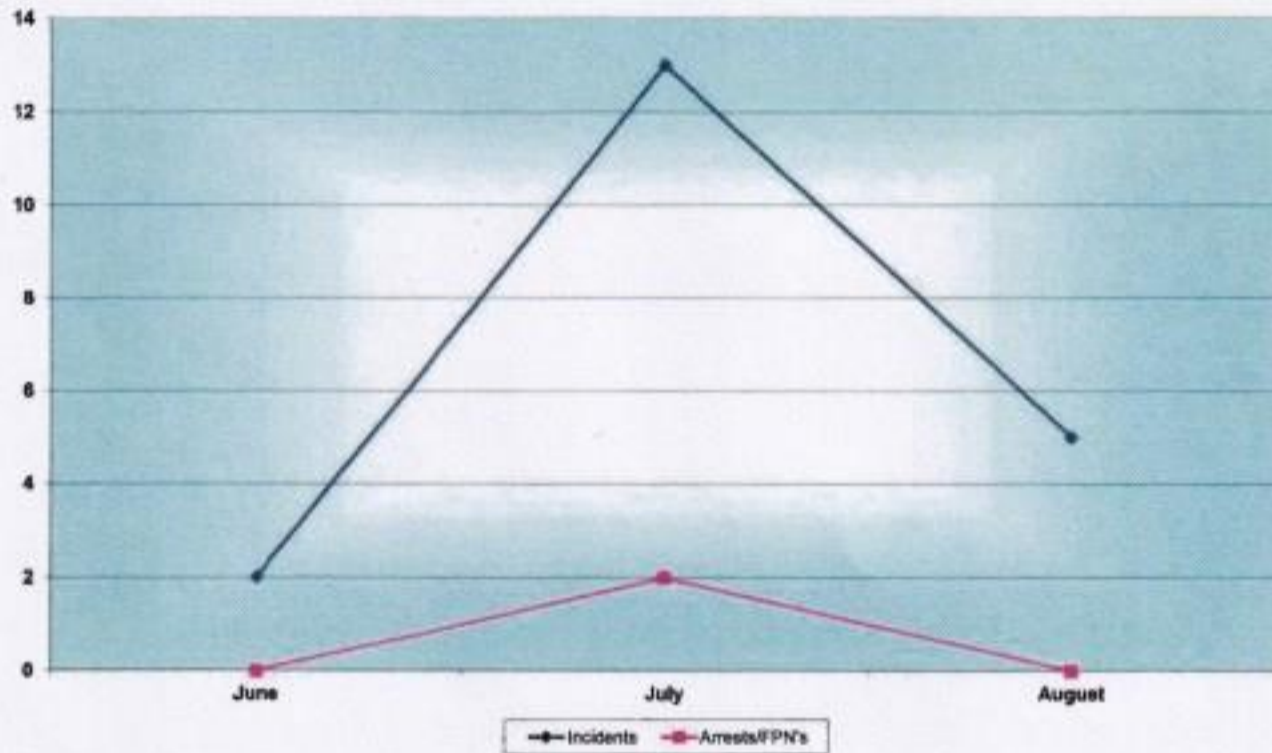
- Church Street – hedge work
- Manor Leisure centre – perimeter cleared
- Manor Leisure centre – car park surround cleared
- Hoops – Burdett Grove play
- Manor field – overhanging trees cut back
- Pitch (football) – marked up (Manor)
- South Green, Coates – tree overhang
- Barnfield Way – clearance
- Protruding bolts removed – Ashline
- St Nicholas Church – self sets removed

Coming soon

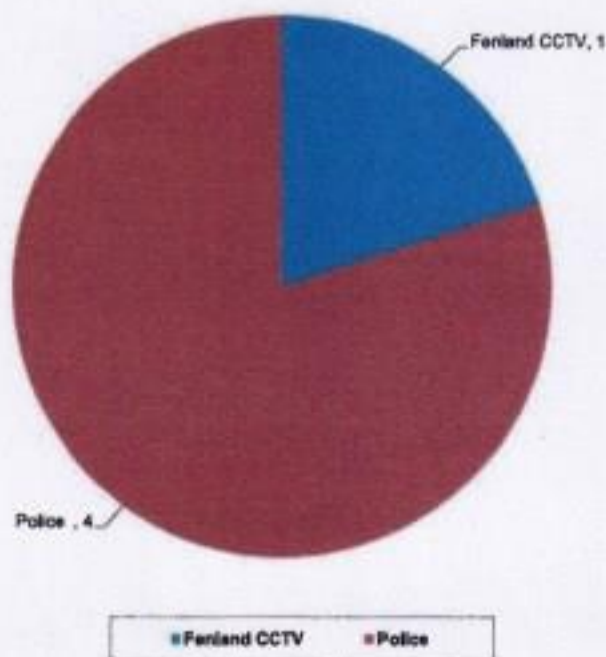
- Drybread Road – garage area clearance
- Pinewood play area – repaint of equipment
- Manor Park run – improvements to route safety

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Number of Incidents and Arrests for Whittlesey From June – August 2022



Incidents by Call Source for Whittlesey for August



Data Chart of Performance Figures for previous three months

	June	July	August	Total
Total Incidents Recorded (Whittlesey only)	2	13	5	20
Arrests / Fixed Penalty Notices (Whittlesey only)	0	2	0	2
CCTV Patrols Completed (All Towns)	354	365	350	1069

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.