



Whittlesey Town Council Update

October 2022

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Street Pride and Community Groups

On 13th October, volunteers attended the annual Celebration Evening. The Council appreciates and values the ongoing work of all its volunteers and this event is our way of saying 'thanks' and celebrating groups' achievements. Representatives from Street Pride, In Bloom, friends groups and 'getting it sorted' recycling champions all attended which reflects the increasing co-operation between them.

Each group received a certificate of thanks in appreciation of their continuing efforts over the past year to improve their local street scene and open spaces.

Special certificates were also awarded for several projects:

Whittlesey In Bloom & Friends of Whittlesey Cemetery were highly commended under Best Nature Project for not letting bouts of vandalism deter their efforts, and tending to areas all year round, for all to enjoy.

Benwick In Bloom / Street Pride were winners under Best Reduce, Reuse & Recycling project for their tree seat, made from 100% recycled materials, as part of The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations. The project brought a piece of village history back to life and involved many members of the community.

Environmental Health

The Environmental Health Team have been as busy as ever this month especially with new planning applications relating to Whittlesey and the surrounding villages areas. A total of 9 new applications came in where officers have to assess any



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potential impact of that newly proposed development on residents who live locally.

In relation to Food and Health and Safety inspections in the Whittlesey area and surrounding villages the EH Team are working hard to ensure all the routine inspections booked in are completed. Officers are also assisting local businesses wherever they can, ensuring good practice in food safety management is implemented.

The weather has assisted in bringing the number of dust complaints down this month as they reached a peak with the long hot summer weather conditions. Dust and noise from commercial premises has been the main area of complaint.

Noise complaints continue to be high with dog barking being the main source of complaints. Overall the team work with dog owners so that the dogs are exercised more as this helps a great deal to reduce the barking. Luckily over 96% of our nuisance complaints are dealt with informally with officers working hard to reach amicable solutions between the parties.

Streetscene

Performance	
Total number of hours out and about on patrol in the local community:	105 hrs
Number of cleansing inspections carried out:	15
Percentage of cleansing inspections found to be of a suitable standard:	100%



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Tidy Fenland – Green Dog Walkers

We have been patrolling our open spaces during October, including in rural areas within surrounding villages. We ensure that we talk to dog walkers and local residents to increase our visibility to encourage responsible dog ownership. We are pleased that we have a low number of reported dog related issues this month.

Tidy Fenland – Fly Tipping

During October the total amount of tips was 46. Broken down into locations:

- Chatteris 1
- March 11
- Whittlesey 4
- Wisbech 8
- Villages 22 (*1 Eastrea, 1 Coates, 5 Turves)

Only 2 sites in the Whittlesey area were needed to be visited by a Street Scene Officer to look for evidence, but there was none found in either.

A female is due in court in relation to waste found dumped in Snowley Park last year. The current plea hearing date scheduled to take place in October had been postponed due to strike action at the Court. This will now be heard in February 2023.

Other Street Scene Actions include:

- During October, we investigated 2 reports of abandoned vehicles in Whittlesey. Our investigations showed that 1 had broken down and was moved in a couple of days and the other belonged to a resident of the street who was told that it had been reported to the DVLA for no road tax. No further action was required from us.
- As part of our patrols, 5 additional cleansing service requests were raised to arrange for clean ups. This included the Buttercross being cleaned, an



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overflowing litter bin being emptied, 2 issues of broken glass on a footpath swept away and a litter pick.

- Removed offensive graffiti on play equipment in one of our open spaces and a litter bin.
- We have reported 3 issues to CCC Highways relating to cars churning up the grass, a trip hazard and a set of traffic lights not working.
- To assist a market trader 1 of the planters has been moved to allow him to set up his stall easier.
- During this month we have carried out 3 refuse visits to properties in relation to bins being left on the footpath and new bins not being delivered. We aim to work with residents to educate them to prevent any issues and be at hand for any queries.
- We have continued to visit businesses within Whittlesey Town Centre to provide advice and guidance on responsible disposal of commercial waste and containment of waste. During these visits we have successfully signed up 1 more business to our trade waste service.
- Marked 4 graves this month and assisted a member of the public regarding a burial concern.
- Delivered Street Pride equipment to volunteers and provide equipment so they can continue in their efforts.
- Vandalism to the wooden walkway at the Lattersey wildlife area has been reported.
- Assets were informed of a streetlight constantly on in Grosvenor Road carpark.
- Assisted colleagues to visit a property in Otago Close over a smoke issue on behalf on Enviro Health.



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Planning Enforcement

Performance	
Service Requests received as at Oct 2022	4
Total number of Service Requests in 2021-22 (Oct to Oct)	39
Cases Closed this month	3
Notices Served	0

Open Spaces

Cutting season is scheduled to conclude at the end of October although this will run one week later this season as the grass continues to prosper. The Tivoli team is reduced by 50% over the winter months and attention will shift to hedge cutting over the winter as teams are deployed across the district. By and large the season has gone well despite the temperature extremes and the number of grass-cutting complaints has been the lowest on record by some way. Compliments to the team who have stuck to their task well.

Burdett Grove remains a hot spot for adverse behaviour and following neighbour complaints the goal area has been uplifted and will be relocated to the Manor field in the near future. The trampoline remains decommissioned until further notice following further vandalism. Spare parts have now been received. The gate has been repaired and replaced. Play equipment at Pinewood Avenue has been repainted and looks good.



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Manor Wildflower area has been cut down shortly to reseed and the interpretation boards, populated by photographs provided by local residents, have now been installed.

Following anti-social behaviour in the Garden of Remembrance, the gates are closed overnight and re-opened in the morning. This appears to be working well.

Cricket will return to the Manor field in 2023 and the pitch is currently being prepared and storage areas for their equipment introduced.

Elsewhere in the town

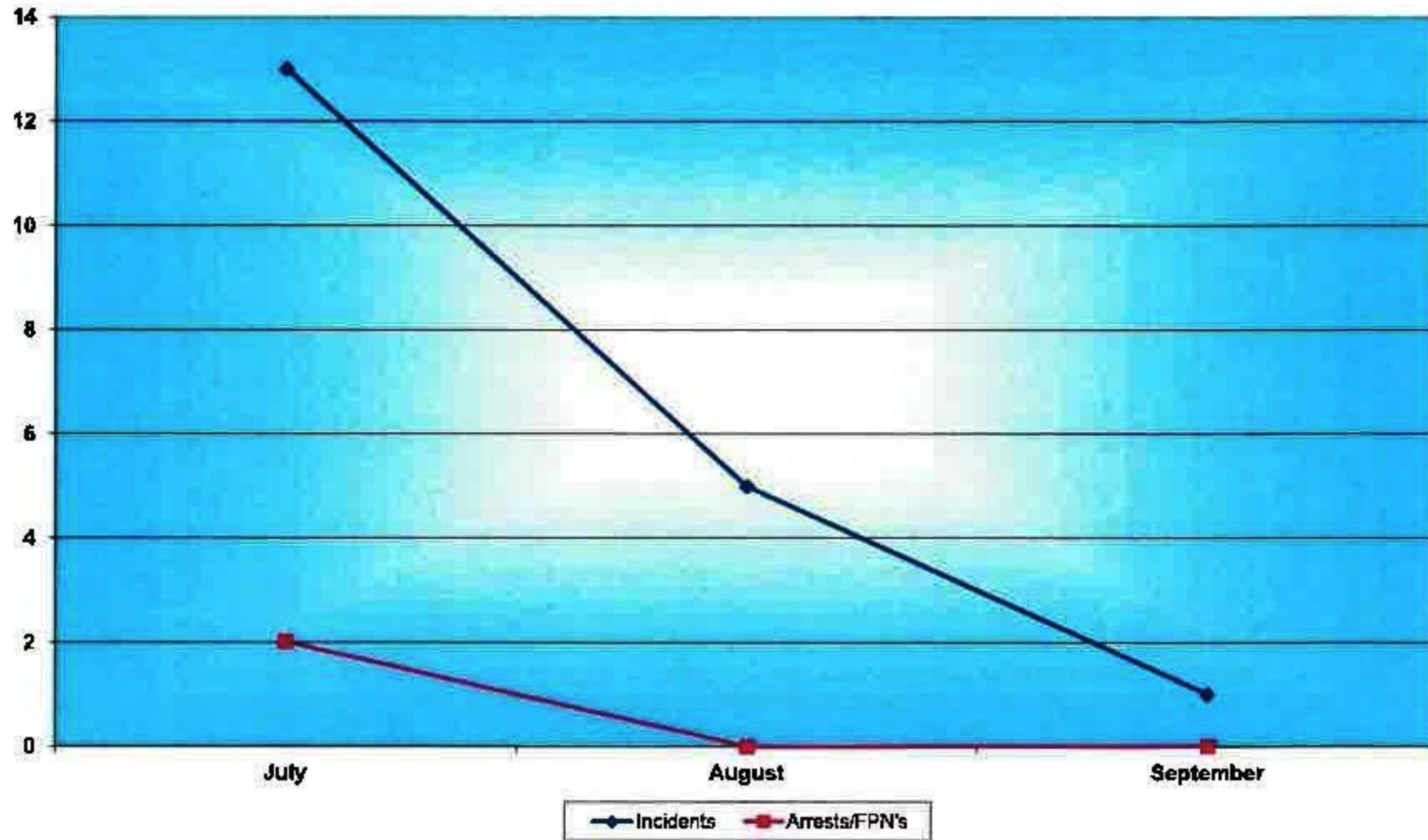
- Church Street – hedge work
- Manor field – overhanging trees cut back
- South Green, Coates – tree overhang
- Pinewood play area – repaint of equipment
- Manor Park run – improvements to route safety
- Manor compound cleared
- Swing repair – South Green, Coates

Coming Soon

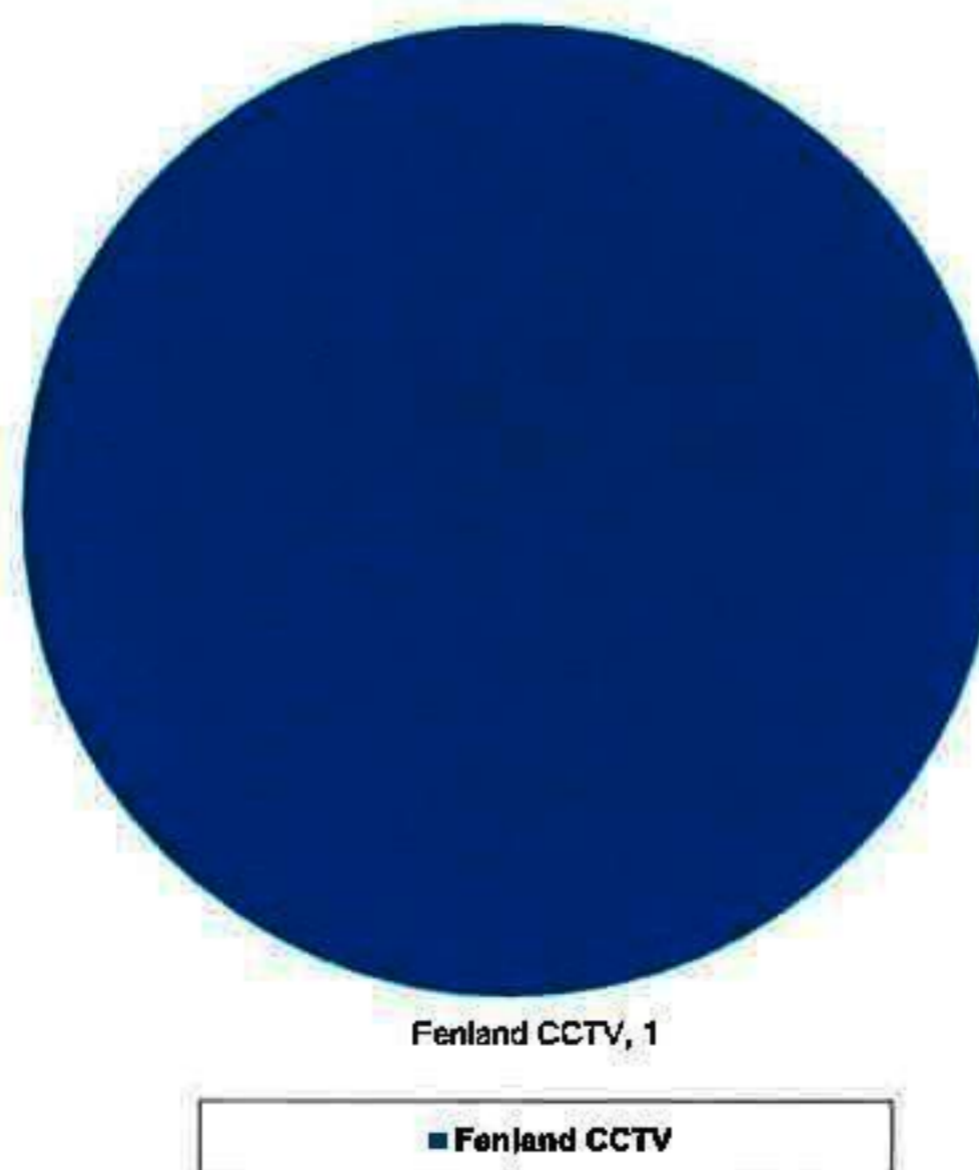
- Drybread Road – garage area clearance
- Stabilise table tennis at Manor field

Whittlesey Town Council CCTV update September 2022

**Number of Incidents and Arrests for Whittlesey
From July – September 2022**



Incidents by Call Source for Whittlesey for September



Data Chart of Performance Figures for previous three months

	July	August	September	Total
Total Incidents Recorded (Whittlesey only)	13	5	1	19
Arrests / Fixed Penalty Notices (Whittlesey only)	2	0	0	2
CCTV Patrols Completed (All Towns)	365	350	315	1030

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.