



Whittlesey Town Council Update

November 2022

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Street Pride and Community Groups

In November, Whittlesey Street Pride held two litter picks. Over 30 bags of rubbish were collected on each occasion with a great turnout of members attending.

Also this month, the group placed some crochet poppies at the plough project at Kings Delph, which were made by one of the volunteers. This is a beautiful and creative way to remember 'the fallen.'

On 24th November, following on from the success of last year, Benwick Street Pride / In Bloom held their second Christmas Fayre. The event was a way to promote the group, fundraise and showcase other organisations.

Environmental Health

The Environmental Health Team have been as busy as ever this month especially with new planning applications relating to the Whittlesey and surrounding villages areas. A total of 12 new applications came in where officers have to assess any 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. 7 Food Hygiene Inspections were carried out with all attaining a 4 (Good), or 5 (Excellent), standard of food hygiene management. Officers continue to assist all local businesses wherever they can, ensuring good practice in food safety management is implemented. This is



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particularly the case when a new food business operator needs guidance on food and health and safety management at their new premises.

The weather has assisted in bringing the number of nuisance complaints down this month. Noise complaints have reduced with is common for the winter months. Dog barking continues to be 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:	111 hrs
Number of cleansing inspections carried out:	15
Percentage of cleansing inspections found to be of a suitable standard:	100%

Tidy Fenland – Green Dog Walkers

We have shown a presence in our open spaces during November, including in rural areas sites which see lots of dog walkers. A report of dog fouling received by a member of the public when on patrol relating to Park Lane was received so we have visited there also. During our patrols 3 fouling's were seen and removed.

Tidy Fenland – Fly Tipping

During November the total amount of tip removed was 45. Broken down into locations as below:



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Month	Total	Chatteris	March	Whittlesey	Wisbech	Villages
Nov-21	45	2	10	9	7	17

Villages affected:

Christchurch	Benwick	Coldham	Doddington	Elm	Wimblington	Wisbech St Mary
2	1	1	3	1	1	2

Gorefield	Guyhirn	Murrow	Parson Drove
2	1	1	2

Other Street Scene Actions include:

- 6 abandoned vehicles reported during November and all were visited. 5 reported vehicles in Whittlesey and 1 in Coates. We successfully located the registered keeper of each vehicle; therefore, no further action was required.
- As part of our patrols, 5 additional cleansing requests were raised in relation to excess detritus.
- 1 case of anti-social behaviour regarding youths in the open space in Hunsbury Close was reported to the Policing team and Colleagues in Fenland Council.
- Assets were informed that most of the lights under the Buttercross had failed and are in need of repair.
- A bulky collection was arranged for a resident who had left a fridge freezer on the footpath on Queens Street.
- 2 Graves were marked during November and cemeteries inspected.
- We have continued to support colleagues in Environmental Health with Site visits.



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- Arranged for offensive graffiti on play equipment in one of our open spaces to be removed. The offending words were promptly removed.
- Offered words of advice to a resident with a High Hedge concern and property damaged caused by roots.
- We have reported 1 issue to CCC Highways relating to a wobbly kerb causing a trip hazard.
- The Council, along with other services continue to engage with the homeless gentleman residing in the disabled toilet.
- 2 issues have been raised with colleagues in Parks and Open Spaces regrading large, tall trees losing branches.
- 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. To help our trade customers and cleansing we even deliver trade bags.
- We continue to support Street Pride in their efforts by delivering litter pickers and signage this month. Even organising for the 19 bags of waste and larger items to be collected.

Planning Enforcement

Performance	
Service Requests received as at Nov 2022	3
Total number of Service Requests in 2021-22 (Nov to Nov)	38
Cases Closed this month	2
Notices Served	0



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Open Spaces

The end of the cutting season, which itself continued 2 weeks into November due to the warmer weather, has ushered in the hedge cutting season (the second of this year) and the team is active across the district trimming shrubs and smartening up hedges. The team reduces by 50% (to 8) at this time and returns to full strength in March 2023.

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 has been repaired and the grass has grown through the mats as anticipated. Litter continues to be a problem but is collected daily.

Manor Wildflower area has been cut down shortly to reseed and the drains are shortly to undergo their latest inspection

Cricket will return to the Manor field in 2023 and the pitch is currently being prepared and storage areas for their equipment introduced. The food bank has relocated to the Manor LC and volunteers are working hard to make the initiative a success. The pathway leading to the tennis courts has been badly affected by vehicles driving on it and measures will shortly be taken to repair the flagstones and prevent any cars driving on the grass triangle behind the bowls club

Funding has been received to re-fence and re-light the tennis/netball hard courts at the Manor and a supplementary bid has been lodged to allow the surface to be repaired and painted along with additional new equipment. Work should take place in the early part of spring.



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Work on the chapel at Whittlesey cemetery has commenced. Access routes into the cemetery are severely limited but this is a necessary measure for safety reasons. The situation is being monitored

Elsewhere in the town

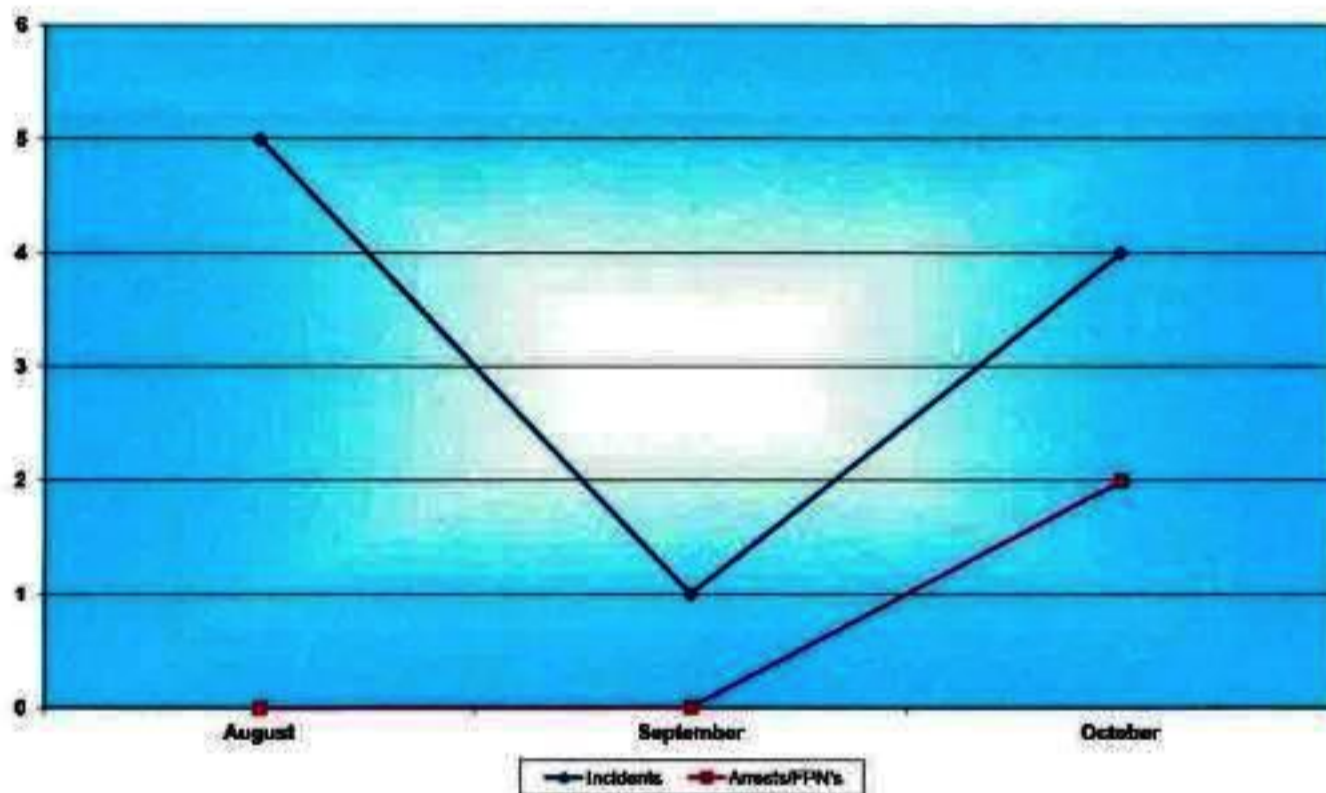
- Manor field – overhanging trees cut back
- South Green, Coates – tree overhang
- Manor Park run – improvements to route safety
- Drybread Road – garage area clearance
- Hole in ground Manor field - repaired

Coming Soon

- Stabilise table tennis at Manor field
- Add in football goals to Manor field
- Arnolds Lane hedge – substantial height reduction

Whittlesey Town Council CCTV update October 2022

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



Incidents by Call Source for Whittlesey for October



Data Chart of Performance Figures for previous three months

	August	September	October	Total
Total Incidents Recorded (Whittlesey only)	5	1	4	10
Arrests / Fixed Penalty Notices (Whittlesey only)	0	0	2	2
CCTV Patrols Completed (All Towns)	350	315	402	1067

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.

2. Summaries

Please see the stats for calls and crimes in the month of November, nothing of real note this month.

Total Calls for Service			
Town/ Village	Previous Month 01/10/22 - 31/10/22	Current Month 01/11/22 - 30/11/22	Difference
Berwick	10	9	-1
Chatteris	166	144	-22
Doddington	31	33	+2
Manea	30	9	-21
March	340	369	+29
Whittlesey	239	170	-69
Wimington	27	27	0

Total Crimes Reported			
Town/ Village	Previous Month 01/10/22 - 31/10/22	Current Month 01/11/22 - 30/11/22	Difference
Berwick	7	11	+4
Chatteris	59	64	+5
Doddington	12	5	-7
Manea	15	5	-10
March	109	178	+69
Whittlesey	117	63	-54
Wimington	12	8	-4

Rowdy/Nuisance Calls			
Town/ Village	Previous Month 01/10/22 - 31/10/22	Current Month 01/11/22 - 30/11/22	Difference
Berwick	0	0	0
Chatteris	6	5	-1
Doddington	1	1	0
Manea	0	0	0
March	27	28	+1
Whittlesey	12	10	-2
Wimington	0	0	0

Vehicle Nuisance Calls			
Town/ Village	Previous Month 01/10/22 - 31/10/22	Current Month 01/11/22 - 30/11/22	Difference
Berwick	1	0	-1
Chatteris	5	5	0
Doddington	2	0	-2
Manea	0	0	0
March	11	9	-2
Whittlesey	3	1	-2
Wimington	1	0	-1

Residential Burglary Crimes			
Town/ Village	Previous Month 01/10/22 - 31/10/22	Current Month 01/11/22 - 30/11/22	Difference
Berwick	0	1	+1
Chatteris	2	2	0
Doddington	2	0	-2
Manea	2	0	-2
March	2	3	+1
Whittlesey	3	0	-3
Wimington	0	0	0

Criminal Damage Crimes			
Town/ Village	Previous Month 01/10/22 - 31/10/22	Current Month 01/11/22 - 30/11/22	Difference
Berwick	0	2	+2
Chatteris	6	3	-3
Doddington	1	2	+1
Manea	0	0	0
March	17	19	+2
Whittlesey	10	7	-3
Wimington	3	2	-1

Theft from Motor Vehicle Crimes			
Town/ Village	Previous Month 01/10/22 - 31/10/22	Current Month 01/11/22 - 30/11/22	Difference
Berwick	0	0	0
Chatteris	3	2	-1
Doddington	6	0	-6
Manea	0	0	0
March	2	2	0
Whittlesey	2	3	+1
Wimington	0	0	0