



Whittlesey Town Council Update

December 2022

This month:

Page 1: Street Pride and community groups

Page 1-2: Environmental Health

Page 2 - 3: Streetscene

Page 4: Planning Enforcement

Page 4-5: Open Spaces

Page 6: Useful Contacts

Appendix 1- CCTV Report

Appendix 2 - S106 Report

Street Pride and Community Groups

Whilst most groups start to slow down during the festive period Whittlesey Street Pride were still very busy.

On 10th December, 8 members of the group assisted with tree planting at Yarwells Headland as part of a Queens Canopy project being organised by the Town Council. Then later that day the group attended Whittlesey Extravaganza to promote the great work that they achieve.

After meeting socially for a Christmas meal on 16th, the group then took a well-earned rest over the festive period.

Also, this month, Whittlesey In Bloom utilised marketing opportunities from festive events by decorating a Christmas tree for display at St Mary's Church Christmas Tree Festival.

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 4 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. Officers are also assisting local businesses wherever they can, ensuring good practice in food safety management is implemented.



Whittlesey Town Council Update

December 2022

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 come in with dog barking and excessive accumulations being the main source of complaints. Overall the team work with all complainants and subjects so that an amicable solution can be reached without the need for enforcement.

Streetscene

Performance	
Total number of hours out and about on patrol in the local community:	120 hrs
Number of cleansing inspections carried out:	15
Percentage of cleansing inspections found to be of a suitable standard:	100%

Tidy Fenland – Fly Tipping

The fly tipping data for December is not available as yet but we will include this in next month's report.

We still remain committed to visiting all fly tipped sites where possible in the hope of obtaining evidence so that we may find out who is responsible. During December we visited 3 incidences but found no evidence. Waste was in the main household items and bagged waste.

Tidy Fenland – Green Dog Walkers

We have shown a presence in our open spaces during December, including rural areas. Park Lane and the alleyway leading to Church Street has shown a decrease in reported issues. Owners are spoken to and we are pleased to see



Whittlesey Town Council Update

December 2022

carry bags and give us useful information on where they like to see us out patrolling and when.

Other Street Scene Actions include:

- 10 abandoned vehicles reported during December, and all were investigated. 1 was reported in Whittlesey. We successfully located the registered keeper of this vehicle; therefore, no further action was required.
- As part of our patrols 6 additional cleansing requests were raised: 2 in relation to excess detritus in the gulleys, 1 full litter bin which required being emptied. An additional litter pick of the town centre was requested also.
- We also reported highways issues such as a dead animal on the road and stones spilt on the road from a passing lorry.
- A patrol in the open space at Burdett Grove regarding reports of anti-social behaviour has been carried out. No damage was found.
- 5 Graves were marked during December. We were also able to assist a member of the public with finding a plot for a relative.
- Icy road & foot paths condition where additional grit was needed had been reported during the cold weather.
- We have continued our support of colleagues in Environmental Health with site visits.
- The Council, along with other services continue to engage with the homeless gentleman residing in the disabled toilet.
- Following our visits to businesses within Whittlesey, providing advice and guidance on responsible disposal of commercial waste and containment of waste, 1 has now signed up to use our blue trade bags and a letter was sent to another business regarding their bin left out on the foot path along with unsecure waste, due to their contractor not emptying their trade bin.



Whittlesey Town Council Update

December 2022

Planning Enforcement

Performance	
Service Requests received as at Dec 2022	0
Total number of Service Requests in 2021-22 (Dec to Dec)	32
Cases Closed this month	0
Notices Served	0

Open Spaces

All cutting completed in the middle of November with two extra weeks compensating for additional growth caused by the extraordinarily warm seasonal weather. Attention now focusses on the trimming and cutting back of hedges and shrubs before the cycle continues anew again in March 2023. The Tivoli team is reduced by 50% over the winter months and they are spread thinly across the entirety of 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.

In the town the chapel in the cemetery is due to receive some urgent attention by way of repair. The building has been fenced off for nearly a year and the scaffolding is now in place. Freezing temperatures appear to have delayed a start on site but everything is ready to proceed and fears that hearses and the general public might find the one-way circuit too great a challenge are, so far, unfounded. Burdett Grove has gone quieter on the anti-social behaviour front –



Whittlesey Town Council Update

December 2022

the goal has gone, the trampoline repaired and, although litter remains an eyesore, all appears calm at last. The gate has been repaired and replaced. Play equipment at Pinewood Avenue has been repainted and looks good

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. The fun run route through the woods has been cleared, holes in the ground have been repaired, a bid for supplementary funding to address the provision of facilities on the tennis //netball courts has been submitted (decision in March/April) to supplement the £45k agreed by the Combined Authority and the guttering at the Manor Leisure centre is being replaced much to the delight of at least one persistently active dog-walker. Action will shortly be taken to prevent cars using or turning on the pathway leading to the courts from the main entrance. This may not be popularly received by those who have currently contributed to the breaking up of the pathway slabs but we cannot allow this to continue.

The food bank, now located at Manor LC, is working well but attention will need to be paid to the damaged grass at the rear of the building in the New Year. 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

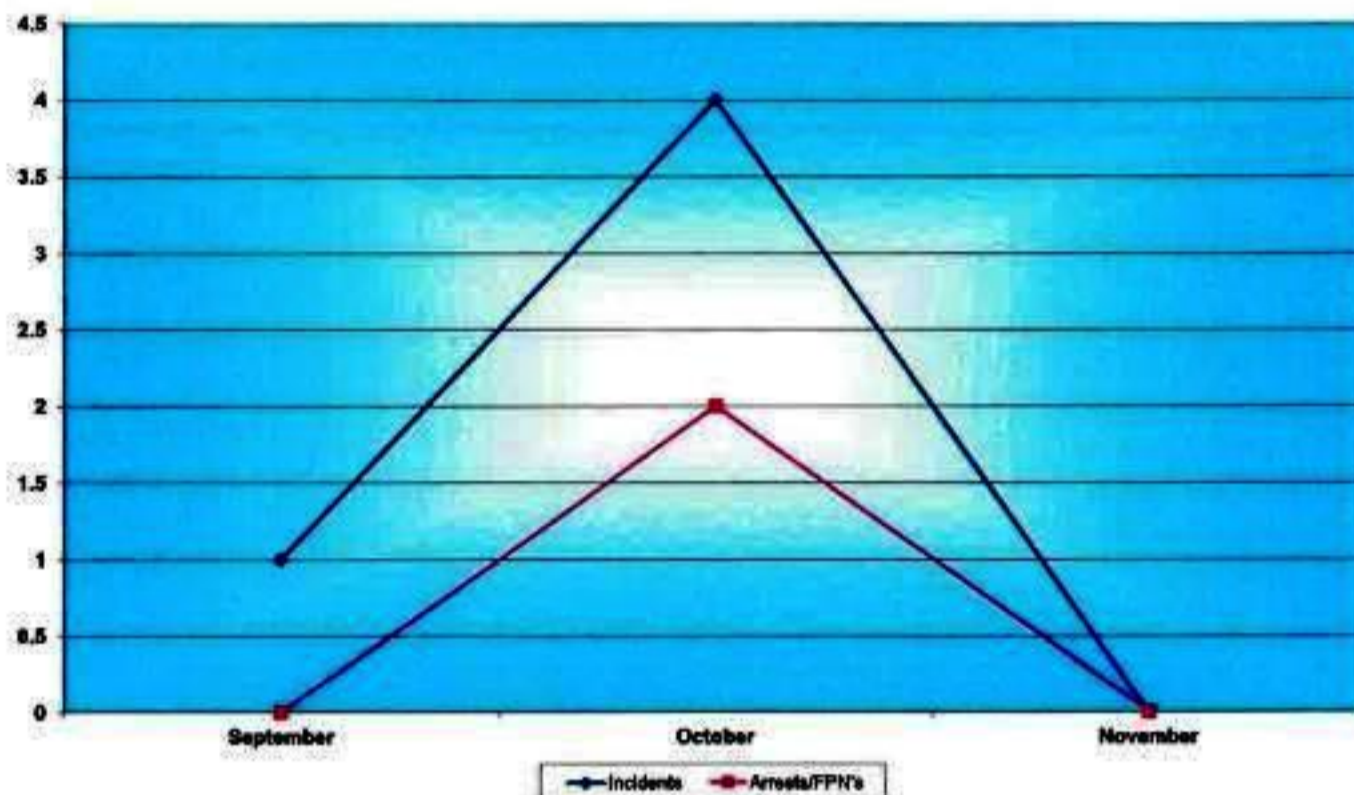
- Arnold Lane – hedge work
- Manor field – overhanging trees cut back
- Nobles Close, Coates – tree overhang and fence clearance
- Yew tree cut back – Cemetery

Coming Soon

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

Whittlesey Town Council CCTV update November 2022

Number of Incidents and Arrests for Whittlesey From September -November 2022



Incidents by Call Source for Whittlesey for November

Fenland CCTV, 0

Fenland CCTV

Data Chart of Performance Figures for previous three months

	September	October	November	Total
Total Incidents Recorded (Whittlesey only)	1	4	0	5
Arrests / Fixed Penalty Notices (Whittlesey only)	0	2	0	2
CCTV Patrols Completed (All Towns)	315	402	398	1115

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.