



Whittlesey Town Council Update

March 2023

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Street Pride and Community Groups

Whittlesey Street Pride held two litter picks in the month of March.

Despite a sprinkling of snow first thing on 4th March, 11 volunteers turned up for a litter pick of Coates Green, a new location for the group who usually just litter pick here on Fete Day.

Also, this month Benwick Street Pride / In Bloom were presented with a trolley to recognise their 10th anniversary milestone and a decade of dedicated voluntary service. The trolley will be used to transport the group's litter picking equipment, heavy bags of collected rubbish and plants for planting in the village.

Environmental Health

The Environmental Health Team have been very busy in Whittlesey Town and the surrounding villages this month.

The Food Safety inspections completed totalled 4 and they all gained the highest rating of 5!

A total of 8 planning applications were received where the team have to determine any likely impact on local residents from that proposed development.

In relation to complaints investigations in the Whittlesey Town and surrounding villages The Environmental Health received 23 requests for service.



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These included 3 complaints relating to Noise from Barking Dogs, 8 Licensed Commercial Premises enquiries, 3 accumulations and pest complaints and 1 allegation of Anti-Social Behaviour.

Anti-Social behaviour complaints are usually dealt with by the Police, however sometimes joint working is required with Environmental Health, Cambs Police and

FDC Anti-Social Behaviour Team to resolve at the very early stages. This has proved to be very successful and prevents escalation of a complaint.

The Environmental Health Team continue to liaise with local residents, commercial operators and the Whittlesey Town Council in relation to nuisance complaints received by the team alleging excess noise, dust and odour from various commercial operations at the site. A further air quality sensor has now been placed in the Park Lane area of the Town and this can be accessed by the public at https://www.airqualityengland.co.uk/site/latest?site_id=scsbqx758

The Environmental Health Officers intend to look at any peaks showing on the data and determine if there are any reported concerns on the days when the pollutants peak and any noticeable patterns. These will also be shared and discussed with the Environment Agency who are the enforcing authority for the permitted processes in the area.



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Streetscene

Performance	
Total number of hours out and about on patrol in the local community:	92 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

Last month saw a small increase of dog fouling seen around our town and villages. As a result, we kept a visible presence through patrols and ensured signs were refreshed/put up and delivered information to nearby residents regarding this issue in the hope whoever is responsible stops or are reported to us. A copy of the card posted through letter boxes is below:





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The main areas visited are, Horsegate, Kingfisher Drive, Church Street, Arnolds Lane, Coronation Ave, Whitmore Street, Broad Street, Park Lane, Manor LC, Victory Rd, Hallcroft Rd, Riverside Close and open space Thornham Way Eastrea.

Tidy Fenland – Fly Tipping

Total number of fly tips for February and March are shown below. Rural villages tend to be those most affected. Although there were no instances of waste dumped in the villages around Whittlesey in January and February.

Month	Total	Chatteris	March	Whittlesey	Wisbech	Villages
Jan-23	55	5	9	3	22	15
Feb-23	54	5	14	6	13	16

We are attending as many of the waste sites in the area as possible. We attended all 6 fly tips in Whittlesey. The waste found was mainly household related. Consisting of a mixture of black bags and bulky items. Sadly, despite searching amongst the waste there was no leads to follow up, but we had the waste removed quickly to deter further dumping. New anti-fly tipping signs have been placed in key areas. Our prevention work has also taken place in the villages.



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Abandoned and Nuisance vehicles.

Street Scene received 4 reports of vehicles being abandoned this month in the Whittlesey area. Upon investigation all owners were located, and the matters resolved.

Street Scene Actions this month

- Officers have been out promoting our Trade Waste Collection Service. Whittlesey businesses have been visited to check in with existing customers and offer our service to others.
- CCC Highways - 5 issues reported this month including potholes in Crecent Road, Cemetery Road, Funthams Lane, West End Store. A loose kerb in Station Road has also been reported.
- We have marked 9 plots in our cemetery this month.
- Several site visits have been carried out this month in the town on behalf of council colleagues, such as licensing, planning, housing and Environmental health. Matters covered included checking valid licenses displayed, vermin, fire escape restrictions, and properties which maybe unsafe or unfit to live in.
- 1 street name sign has been reported to Assets Team for a replacement and repairs needed in Wakeley Road.

- We have been out talking to residents regarding refuse matters such as checking waste, moving bins blocking the path, bins reported as being left out to early in Market Mews. All will be needing weekly revisits to make sure that they continue as asked.
- Street Pride – we continue to assist our volunteers with their good work and follow up any areas that they feel needs patrols or intervention.
- Environment Agency – A broken river sign has been reported.



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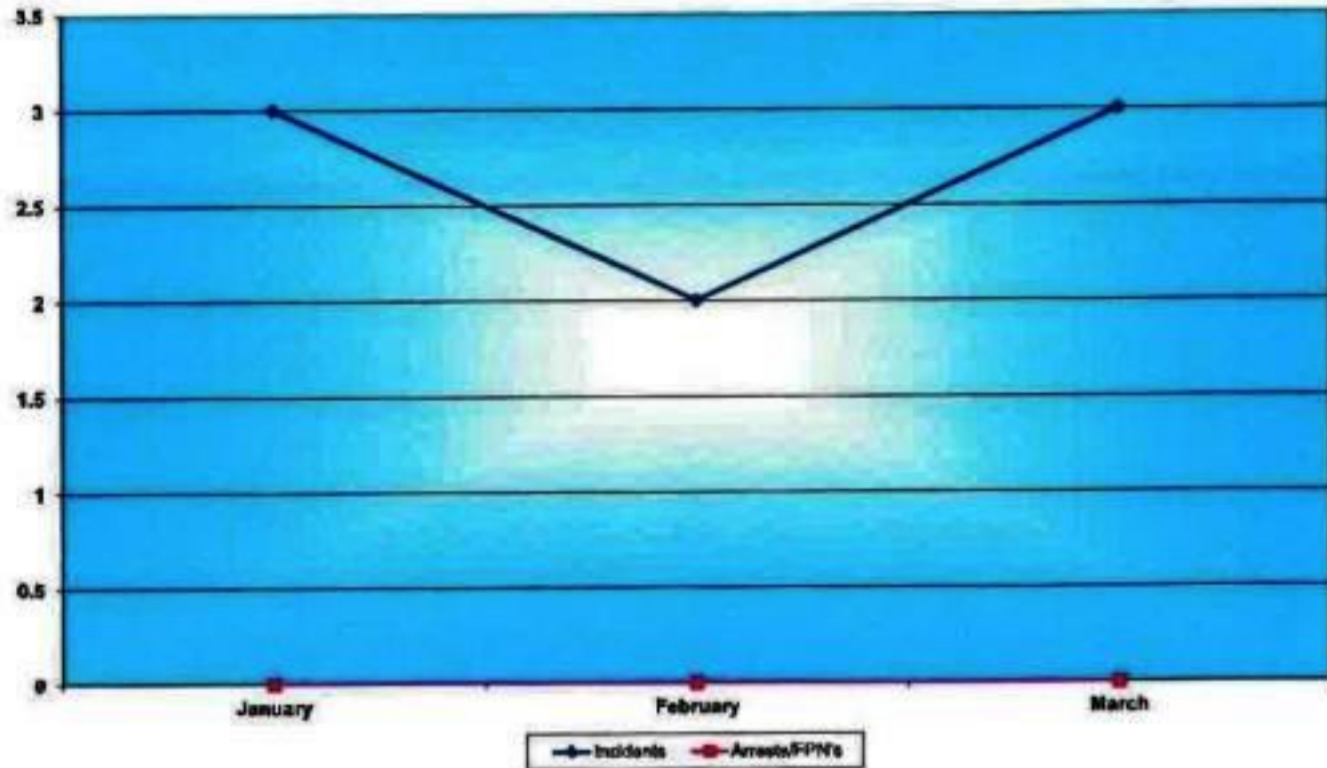
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Planning Enforcement

Performance	
Service Requests received as at March 2023	0
Total number of Service Requests in 2022-23 (March to March)	31
Cases Closed this month	4
Notices Served	0

Whittlesey Town Council CCTV update March 2023

**Number of Incidents and Arrests for Whittlesey
From January – March 2023**



Incidents by Call Source for Whittlesey for March



Data Chart of Performance Figures for previous three months

	January	February	March	Total
Total Incidents Recorded (Whittlesey only)	3	2	3	8
Arrests / Fixed Penalty Notices (Whittlesey only)	0	0	0	0
CCTV Patrols Completed (All Towns)	409	284	545	1238

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.