



## Whittlesey Town Council Update

April and May 2023

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### Street Pride and Community Groups

Whittlesey Street Pride held three litter picks in April, with each occasion attracting additional new members.

In May, Benwick Street Pride / In Bloom held an exhibition showcasing photographs of Benwick through the years as well as displays of local arts and crafts. Monies raised from the raffle will go towards future planting schemes.

### 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 8. **Having completed the requirements of the Food Standards**

**Agency's Recovery Plan by 31st March 2023, the Food Safety Service is in a good position to fully revert back to the pre Covid model for the programme of food hygiene inspections, following the requirement of the Food Law Code of Practice:**

Category	Minimum intervention frequency
A	At least every 6 months
B	At least every 12 months
C	At least every 18 months
D	At least every 24 months
E	A programme of Alternative Enforcement Strategies or intervention every 3 years





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As the category is determined by risk to food safety it is possible for a business to move up or down the scale as they improve food hygiene practices, or present different risks in the food produced.

Also, 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 complaint investigations in the Whittlesey areas Environmental Health received 28 requests for service.

**These included:**

**14 complaints relating to Noise from Barking Dogs, loud music, odour from dog fouling/other.**

**9 Licensed Commercial Premises enquiries**

**5 accumulations and pest complaints**

**Streetscene**

Performance	
<b>Total number of hours out and about on patrol in the local community:</b>	<b>140 hrs</b>
<b>Number of cleansing inspections carried out:</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Percentage of cleansing inspections found to be of a suitable standard:</b>	<b>100%</b>





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### Tidy Fenland – Green Dog Walkers

9 dog fouling incidents were reported during this time and were promptly removed. We also had a report of a dog being exercised in a play area and as a result have been carrying out patrols. This spring we have seen quite low numbers of dog related incidents and hope this is because of the visible presence we have had through our engagement patrols as well as ensuring signs are refreshed or placed in key areas. We have also been out and about delivering information to nearby residents regarding responsible dog ownership and remain working with the green dog walker volunteers.

### Dog PSPO News

The 1<sup>st</sup> of December sees our current Dog Public Space Protection Order expire as they only last for 3 years. We aim to extend this for another 3 years and so will be opening a community consultation running during June.

All town and parish Councils will be invited to comment and complete our survey. Watch this space as we will soon be in touch to provide more details and to hear your views.

### Tidy Fenland – Fly Tipping

Total number of fly tips for April and May are shown below. Rural villages have been the most affected.

Month	Total	Chatteris	March	Whittlesey	Wisbech	Villages
April-23	86	7	17	11	23	28
May-23	97	4	15	14	30	34





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Street Scene were called to 7 fly tips over the last two months following reports of potential evidence amongst the waste. Some documentation was obtained and is being followed up to be investigated.

### **Abandoned and Nuisance vehicles.**

Street Scene received 10 reports of vehicles being abandoned during April & May. With 7 in Whittlesey, 2 in Eastrea and 1 in Coates. Upon investigation 6 of the owners were located and the matters were resolved. 1 is still ongoing but 2 were found to be stolen and passed onto the police.

### **Street Scene Actions.**

- Reports of Anti-Social Graffiti in Wakelyn Road, Springfields, Briggate East and St Mary's church yard have been actioned. The Walk bridge was sadly vandalized when one of its balustrades was broken. Plus, the fence to the Archery field had been purposely cut. All have been reported for repairs.
- Uncut grass has been reported behind the industrial estate on Station Road. The broken height barrier and fence in New Road carpark will soon be repaired.
- 7 issues have been reported to CCC Highways. This relates to trees, hedges, broken kerbs & footpath issues.
- In our cemeteries, 16 plots have been marked and 4 other issues reported.
- 1 faulty lamp post and 1 dead tree have been reported to Clarion Housing.
- We have supported colleagues in environmental health with a Pub visit where information regarding the renaming of a food business was passed on.
- 16 posters have been removed from the area.





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- We have continued with monitoring an area in Crease Bank due to waste concerns.
- Regular update with the local Policing team to share intel.
- A new notice board has been installed in one of our open spaces.
- A site visit regarding trade waste bins being left on the footpath has been resolved with the business agreeing to move them to the shared rear area once construction work at Ottoman's is completed.

### Markets and Fairs.

One of our long-term casual traders 'Instant Mobility' has sadly chosen to resign from the market. We have wished them well and happy to report that we have been able to offer the pitch to another local business 'Be Good Bee Mobile' will be on the market every other week selling mobility scooters and offering repairs and advice.

Please note the next Autumn funfair will be in town opening to the public on the 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> September.

### Covid 19 Vaccination Update

#### Spring Campaign Update (Fenland)

- The Spring Booster campaign is targeted to those most at risk of serious illness from COVID-19:
  - Anyone resident in an Older Adults Care Home
  - Anyone aged over 75.
  - Anyone aged 5+ who is classed as being immunosuppressed.
- The Evergreen/Primary Course offer is continuing during spring, meaning anyone yet to come forward for a first/second dose can do so.





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### Outreach Spring Sessions:

- All sessions are going to be advertised on [www.thevaccinators.co.uk](http://www.thevaccinators.co.uk) and are available on a walk-in basis (no appointment needed)
- Arranged sessions:

Date	Day	Location	Indoor/Van	Timings	Age Cohort	Comments
28-May-23	Sunday	The Annex, King Edward Community Centre, Chatteris	Indoor Pop Up	10am - 3pm	5+	COVID-19 vaccination walk-in <i>Plus</i> School-Aged Immunisation Catch Up – patients will be directly invited in
31-May-23	Wednesday	Oasis Centre, Wisbech (Chestnut Room)	Indoor Pop Up	10am - 1pm	5+	COVID-19 vaccination walk-in <i>Plus</i> School-Aged Immunisation Catch Up – patients will be directly invited in





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07-Jun-23	Wednesday	City Road Car Park, March	Vehicle	9.30am - 12pm	12+	COVID-19 vaccination walk-in
07-Jun-23	Wednesday	Whittlesey Market Place	Vehicle	1.30pm - 4pm	12+	COVID-19 vaccination walk-in
14-Jun-23	Wednesday	South Wisbech C & F Centre	Indoor	1pm - 5pm	5+	COVID-19 vaccination walk-in
21-Jun-23	Wednesday	City Road Car Park, March	Vehicle	9.30am - 12pm	12+	COVID-19 vaccination walk-in
21-Jun-23	Wednesday	Whittlesey Market Place	Vehicle	1.30pm - 4pm	12+	COVID-19 vaccination walk-in

### Planning Enforcement

Performance	
Service Requests received as at March 2023	2 April 2 May
Total number of Service Requests in 2022-23 April - May)	31 April 35 May
Cases Closed this month.	1 April 1 May
Notices Served	0 April 0 May





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### Open Spaces

April was a challenging month for the grass cutting team due to the high level of rain and wet ground conditions which resulted in some areas being inaccessible for the mower. Tivoli worked hard to ensure the grass was cut according to the schedule, although we are aware some areas had to be left to dry out.

Fortunately, the warmer weather in May has meant that Tivoli are on target to complete grass cutting around the district within the timescales.

Following a recent recruitment drive, we are pleased to report the Fenland Tivoli Team is currently fully staffed with a combination of seasonal and full-time staff. During May, Tivoli had new equipment and vehicles delivered to assist operatives with completing the day-to-day work.

In the town work completed includes:

- Memorial bench installed in Whittlesey Cemetery
- Turf graves in Whittlesey Cemetery
- Remove bindweed from rose beds in Garden of Rest
- Cut back branches causing damage to private owned fence – Yarwell Headland

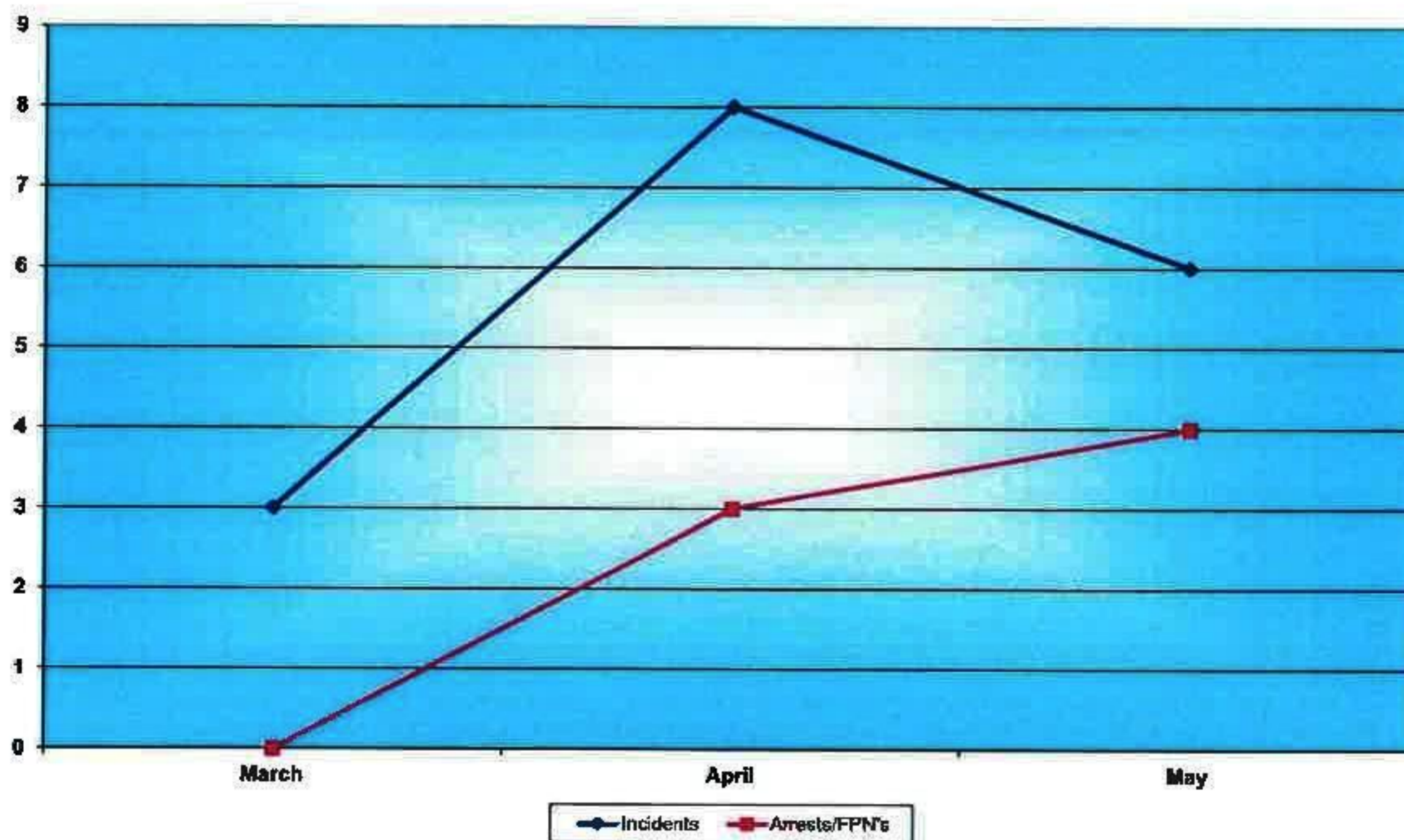
Coming soon

- Tidy shrub bed at Snowley Park
- Remove bindweed and tidy shrub bed at Saxon Road
- Repair damaged wet pour in Station Road play area
- Tidy shrub bed at Ashline Grove
- Cut back shrubs on access road to Manor Leisure Centre

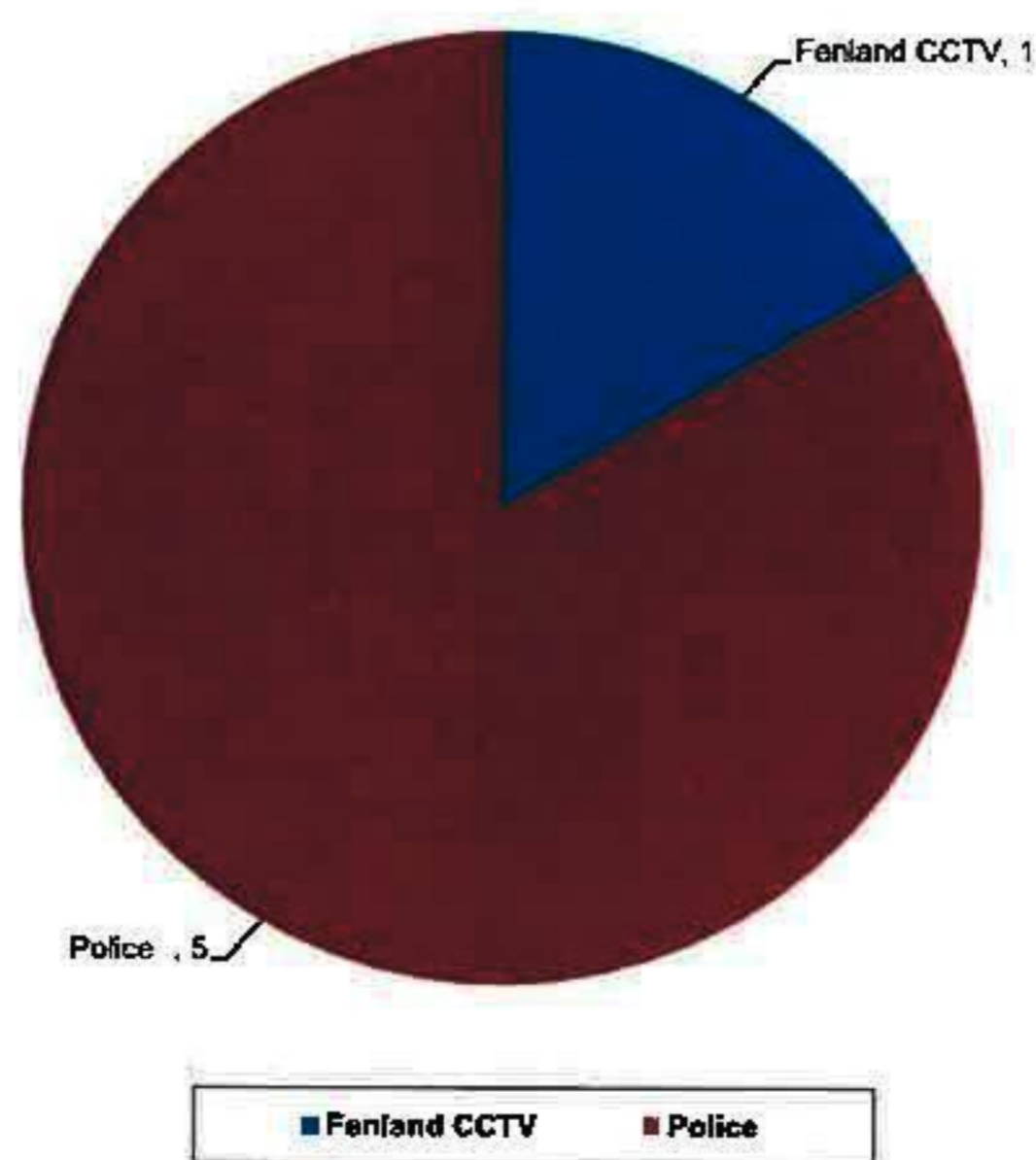


## Whittlesey Town Council CCTV update May 2023

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



**Incidents by Call Source for Whittlesey for May**





**Data Chart of Performance Figures for previous three months**

	<b>March</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Total Incidents Recorded (Whittlesey only)</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Arrests / Fixed Penalty Notices (Whittlesey only)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>CCTV Patrols Completed (All Towns)</b>	<b>545</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>471</b>	<b>1471</b>

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.