



## Whittlesey Town Council Update

June 2023

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### Street Pride and Community Groups

June was a very busy month for Whittlesey Street Pride. The group held a committee meeting which included planning litter picking locations for the remainder of the year.

They held two litter picks and attended both Coates Fete and the Big Bash where they had stalls to promote themselves as well as undertaking litter picking throughout both days.

The group also spent time refurbishing one of their gateway projects at Ramsey Road. Unfortunately, the boat used as a flower bed needed replacing, so the group have installed a flower bed surround made from recycled plastic.

Additionally, the group helped install a bench at Yarwells Headland as part of the Queens Canopy project organised by the Town Council, and also donated a bicycle rack to the project.

### 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:



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Category	
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

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





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### Streetscene

Performance	
Total number of hours out and about on patrol in the local community:	133 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

Following a report that some dogs are not under control when running on the Manor field we have carried out a few patrols and spoken with dog owners. We have not noticed any incidents ourselves but have scheduled some additional patrols when there are other events on the field to ensure that the space continues to be multi use. We have not received any other incidents this month and levels of fouling seen has been low.

The public consultation in relation to our Public Space Protection Order has now closed and we thank all who participated. The outcome will be presented to our members at cabinet in October.

### Tidy Fenland – Fly Tipping

June's figures will be provided in next month's report.

Proactive work this month has seen us attend 8 fly tips this month, with 2 having evidence amongst the waste. Cleansing colleagues also assisted when they found 2 more piles of waste with potential evidence that we are also



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investigating. Clarion also found evidence in waste at one of their carparks and have asked if we can investigate. All will be followed up.

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

Street Scene received 14 reports of vehicles being abandoned during June. With 4 in Whittlesey. Upon investigation 2 of the owners were located and the matters were resolved. 2 vehicles met the criteria and we will be in contact with the registered keepers.

### **Street Scene Actions.**

- Reports of offensive graffiti has been received. These are being removed by us where possible and those on private land have been reported to the landowner for removal.
- The new height barrier to New Road car park and the remedial work to repair the fence has been completed by our assets team.
- 10 reports have been made to CCC-Highways, after site visits following reports of blocked footpaths, potholes, loose kerbs, uneven footpaths slabs and overgrown hedges.
- 3 graves have been marked in Whittlesey this month, with 1 headstone failing a hand test in close proximity of one grave being marked. 1 headstone reported for damage possibly by the grass cutting crew and an ornament was broken on another headstone.
- Clarion held a resident event at Richardson Way and Street Scene attend this in support. It was a good opportunity to meet the Clarion officers, introduce ourselves and meet their residents. Recycling was a key issue in the area and information was given to help improve rates and clarify confusion. 1 dead tree and an overgrown hedge which had excess rubbish in it was reported for removal to Clarion.
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- A bin fenced off by building work on Drybread Road was causing concern. As a result, we have written to the contractor to move the Harris fencing so the bin can be accessed.
- A large number of broken toys that were dumped in Snowley Park were removed and residents spoken to.
- Street Scene carried out 4 site visits for colleagues in Parks and Green Spaces, organizing and waiting onsite for the collection of a porta loo, visiting overgrown areas and visiting residents whose wheelie bins were blocking grass cutting.

### Markets and Fairs.

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.

### Planning Enforcement

Performance	
Service Enforcement Requests received in June	8
Total number Enforcement of Service Requests in June	33
Cases Closed this month.	1
Notices Served in June	0



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### Open Spaces

Tivoli had a slow and difficult start to the month due to unforeseen staffing issues. The management team at Tivoli scheduled some weekend work and increased working hours during the week to ensure they were on target for grass cutting. By the end of the month, all amenity grass sites had received two cuts.

The shrub team has been extremely busy in recent weeks and we anticipate this trend continuing until Autumn. To maintain services levels, Tivoli is currently looking at how to address this potential issue.

In the town work completed includes:

- Install memorial bench in the Garden of Rest
- Tidy shrub bed at Ashline Grove
- Spray giant hogweed at the Bower and the footpath near the industrial area
- Remove large branch fallen in Saxon Road
- Cut verge of The Bower
- Tidy planters on Market Square
- Repair damaged wet pour in Station Road play area

Coming soon

- Tidy shrub bed at Pinewood Avenue
- Cut branches touching property at Newlands Road
- Tidy hedge at Horsegate Lane
- Trim back hedge at Station Road as obstructing footpath