



Whittlesey Town Council Update

October 2023

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Street pride and Community Groups

On 5th October, volunteers attended the annual Celebration Evening. The Council appreciates and values the ongoing work of all its volunteers and this event is our way of saying 'thanks' and celebrating groups' achievements. Representatives from Street Pride, In Bloom and friend's groups all attended which reflects the increasing co-operation between them.

Each group received a certificate of thanks in appreciation of their continuing efforts over the past year to improve their local street scene and open spaces.

Special certificates were also awarded for several projects:

Whittlesey Street Pride were winners under Best Street Scene project for helping with the creation of a new woodland area at Yarwells Headland. The 'Platinum Wood' initiative was organised by Whittlesey Town Council as part of the Queen's Green Canopy initiative, with support from Peterborough Environment City Trust (PECT). Over 100 trees were planted, with an area left for a future wildflower establishment.



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Environmental Health

The Food Safety inspections completed totalled 8 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 18 requests for service.

These included 8 complaints relating to commercial noise, dust and odour, 6 complaints relating to Noise from Barking Dogs, 2 Licensed Commercial Premises enquiry, 2 accumulations and pest complaints and no allegations 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.



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Streetscene

Performance	
Total number of hours out and about on patrol in the local community:	69hrs
Number of areas inspected regarding Cleansing:	15
Percentage of cleansing inspections found to be of a suitable standard:	92%* Those below std have been reported for cleansing

Tidy Fenland - Fly Tipping

We will report Octobers Fly Tipping stats next month as these are still being collated.

However, we visited 8 fly tipping incidents this month and found evidence at 3 sites. These are now being followed up and investigated.

Enforcement actions this month saw.

- 1 Fixed Penalty Notice issued to a male for failing to dispose of his waste legally.
- A formal Section 34 Notice issued to Harmony Oriental Full Body Massage following their waste being found in a public litter bin. Following a trade waste inspection visit where no documents on trade waste could be produced, the Notice has been issued to formally request information



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regarding their commercial waste arrangements. A re inspection will be carried out in 14 days.

Tidy Fenland – Dog Control

We will shortly be taking part in a poster competition with the Cubs and Scouts from the Whittlesey regiment. Street Scene will host a talk about local environmental issues on the 20th November as part of the children working towards their 'environmental badge'. Posters will be along the theme of preventing littering, dog fouling and fly tipping.

The competition will have categories with the winning designs awarded a prize for their efforts. These posters can then be used around the district to promote responsible waste management.

Our plans to install dog bins in Mayfield Road and Burnthouse Road have been delayed due to supplier delivery issues, but we aim to install these as soon as they arrive. During our patrols we noticed that a dog bin was full and overflowing in Charles Road and arranged for it to quickly be emptied.

Patrols have been asked by residents to be carried out along Church Street, Snoots Road and Quinion Close, so we will include these for next month.

Abandoned and Nuisance vehicles.

Street Scene received 22 reports of vehicles being abandoned this month, with 2 being in Whittlesey. Both local reports were investigated. 1 of which was no longer on site and the other related to an advertising car parked in Snoots Road on the grass area.



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The advertising car met our criteria, and the registered keeper was contacted to give Notice for removal of the car using our contractor. Following contact from the keeper, who advised he had sold the car 8 weeks prior; the car was finally seized.

We are aware that there are other advertising vehicles parked causing a nuisance in the town and despite Street Scenes best efforts, the man responsible has refused to move them. For those that do not fit our abandoned criteria we have referred these for action to colleagues in Planning Enforcement under their delegated powers under the Town and Country Planning Act. (Although we hope having 1 car seized will act as a deterrent)

Other Street Scene Actions.

- 10 site visits resulted in 7 reports made to CCC Highways for action. They included reports in relation to potholes, missing manhole covers, faded double yellow & white lines causing confusion over parking.
- 2 graves have been marked in Whittlesey and with the help from colleagues in bereavement, we have been able to confirm a burial plot for a family member and inform the stone mason.
- 3 fly posters were removed from the Kings Delph bus stop.
- Anglin Water have been advised about a broken metal fence where we have stressed the importance of this being repaired or removed.
- 1 site visit has been carried out for colleagues in Parks and Green Spaces regarding The Garden of Rest gate sticking. This has been requested to be repaired.
- Graffiti seen in and around the town has been removed from the public area and those on private land have been reported to the landowner for removal.
- A trade waste visit to Veg and Vapes was carried out and advice given on collections and pavement license applications.



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Markets and Fairs.

We have sadly received a resignation from our bakery stall, Make it Sweet. Charlie has been a regular and very popular stall holder for 2 years but has decided to concentrate on offering specialized bakes and home deliveries. We have thanked her for her hard work and wished her well. As a result, we have a vacancy and so have asked our colleagues in Comms to use social media to advertise for new stallholder.

The funfair visited on the 13th to 15th October and feedback that this was well supported by the town. The rides on offer consisted of 8 attractions for teens and young children.

The Guild have asked that they change the annual arrival going forward from Mid-September to Mid-October due to clashes with other fairs and events held locally. We have advised that this is ok.

Open Spaces

Tivoli are completing the summer maintenance schedule toward the end of October, this will see the completion of all grass rounds by the end of the first week of November weather permitting. Seasonal staff will be released, and permanent staff tasked to winter duties which concentrate on hedge cut, shrub bed maintenance and hard surfaces. Note: Tivoli move to shorter winter hours from 1st November until March 1st 2024.

In the town work completed includes:

- Prune roses in Garden of Rest and planting of hydrangea
- Tidy hedge at The Paddocks
- Install bollards at Manor to prevent vehicles parking on grass
- Shrub maintenance at Manor



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- Repair to gate at Manor
- Cut and collect Wildflower at Claygate
- Removal of black nightshade in St Marys Churchyard

Coming soon

- New bench near wildflower meadow at Manor
- New Signage at Manor
- Work will commence shortly to improve the tennis/ netball courts at the Manor
- Cut back brambles at Station Road Recreation ground
- Replace tap in Whittlesey Cemetery