



## Whittlesey Town Council Update

November 2023

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### Street pride and Community Groups

In November, Whittlesey Street Pride held two litter picks, both saw a great turnout of members attend along with new volunteers.

### 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 9 and they all gained the highest rating of 5!

In November we carried out 11 food safety inspections in Whittlesey. 10 businesses achieved Food Hygiene Rating 5 and one business scored a Food Hygiene Rating 1. We are currently working with the later business on strengthening their food safety management system. In November we had no service requests for Whittlesey



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A total of 16 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 28 requests for service.

These included 4 complaints relating to commercial noise, dust and odour, 10 complaints relating to Noise from Barking Dogs, 2 Licensed Commercial Premises enquiry, 2 accumulations and pest complaints and 10 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.

### Streetscene

Performance	
<b>Total number of hours out and about on patrol in the local community:</b>	<b>90hrs</b>
<b>Number of areas inspected regarding Cleansing:</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Percentage of cleansing inspections found to be of a suitable standard:</b>	<b>97%*</b> Those below std have been reported for cleansing



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### Tidy Fenland - Fly Tipping

The fly tipping figures are shown below and were mainly made up of household waste and bulky items.

Month	Total	Chatteris	March	Whittlesey	Wisbech	Villages
Oct-23	95	5	13	6	41	30
Nov-23	97	8	9	14	39	27

### Tidy Fenland – Dog Control

Following agreement by Cabinet Members, the Public Space Protection Order for Dog Control has been renewed for another 3 Years. This means that we are able to continue our work promoting responsible dog ownership and enforcing where required.

Targeted patrols this month have been made in Quinion Close, Park Lane and Church Street this month regarding dog fouling. During a patrol we reported a full dog bin to be emptied and was pleased to see it being used.

We attended an environmental talk at the 1<sup>st</sup> Whittlesey Scout and Cub groups to assist the children in reaching their Environmental Awards. The children took part in a poster competition and have now submitted their entries. The poster, specifically around littering, dog fouling and fly tipping will be judged soon, and the winners will have their posters brought to life and used around Whittlesey and surrounding Villages to promote the messages.



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### Abandoned and Nuisance vehicles.

Street Scene received 11 reports of vehicles being abandoned in total this month, with 7 being in Whittlesey. All were inspected, and 1 met the criteria and we will be contacting the registered keeper. This vehicle was also reported to the DVLA for no tax while parked on the road.

### Other Street Scene Actions.

- 5 reports have been made to CCC Highways during this time. These were reports in relation to potholes, missing signage street lighting and a grass verge.
- 1 grave has been marked in Whittlesey.
- Street Scene have supported Licensing by delivering anti spiking poster to all the pubs, ready for the Christmas period.
- Environmental Health has been supported by Street Scene in monitoring a home on Stonald Road with several visits, photos taken, talking to the resident and helping with removing some of the waste accumulation in the front garden.
- 6 Circus Fly Posters were removed from around Whittlesey.
- Parks and Green Spaces were advised of an overgrown verge in Eastrea.
- 3 businesses have been spoken to this month regarding their commercial waste. This resulted in 2 new customers and the recovery of bins from a terminated contract.
- 3 Refuse visits took place. This related to overflowing bins in Market Street Mews and historical issues of no domestic bins available for 4 flats on High Causeway (still ongoing).



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- 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.

### Open Spaces

Tivoli has moved to the shorter winter hours from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023. They will be concentrating on shrub and hedge maintenance during the winter period.

Work completed in November includes:

- Fitted additional bollards at Manor to prevent vehicles parking on grass
- Following a request from the Friends group, a new bench has been positioned near wildflower meadow
- A new fence surrounding tennis courts at Manor has been installed
- Signage has been displayed at Manor field
- Replaced tap at Whittlesey cemetery
- Repairs to memorial in Whittlesey cemetery

Coming soon

- Cut back brambles at Station Road Recreation ground
- Clear overgrown vegetation at Manor access road to tennis courts