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Whittlesey Town Council Update

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Street pride and Community Groups

Whilst most groups start to slow down during the festive period volunteers in Whittlesey & Benwick were still very busy.

Benwick Street Pride / In Bloom held a Christmas Bazaar on 1st December which was a great success.

Whittlesey Street Pride held a litter pick morning of 9th December and then had a stall at the Whittlesey Extravaganza later that evening.

After meeting socially for a Christmas meal on 15th, the group then took a well-earned rest over the festive period.

Also, this month, Whittlesey In Bloom utilised marketing opportunities from local magazine Discovering Whittlesey by recruiting for additional 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 6 with all gaining a 5 Rating which is the highest food safety management score that can be achieved.

A total of 9 planning applications were received where the Environmental Health Team have to determine any likely impact on local residents from the proposed development.



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In relation to complaint investigations in the Whittlesey Town and surrounding villages The Environmental Health received 12 requests for service.

These included 1 complaint relating to commercial noise, dust and odour, 8 complaints relating to Noise from amplified music and Barking Dogs, 1 complaint regarding odour from a domestic house. And 2 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	
Total number of hours out and about on patrol in the local community:	70hrs
Number of cleansing inspections carried out: St Andrews & Lattersey	15
Percentage of cleansing inspections found to be of a suitable standard:	100%



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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
Dec-23	57	5	12	4	23	13

Tidy Fenland – Dog Control

We have shown a presence in our open spaces during December, including rural areas. With the renewal of the DSPO in Fenland work has already started on updating and replace and renewing all posters, sticker and enforcement signage in the open spaces and hotspot areas.

We were asked to help 1st Whittlesey Scout and Cub group to earn their environment badge. The group wanted to focus on talking about how litter and dog fouling affects the town. A poster competition was carried out and the winning designs chosen will be made into signage for the community. 2 winners from the Scouts and 2 winners from the cubs were chosen by our Portfolio holder Councillor Peter Murphy and are shown below. The prizes and certificates are planned to be given out in March at a presentation evening.



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The winning designs are shown below.



Other Street Scene Actions.

- 16 abandoned vehicles reported during December in Fenland. 5 was reported in Whittlesey and 1 in Coates, these were all visited and inspected. 2 were issued 7-day notices and were moved by persons unknown 2 days later. The other 1 did not meet the criteria, so no further action was required.
- We have reported the trip hazards to highways on High Causeway.



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- We have continued our support to colleagues in Environmental Health, Licensing and Parks and Green Space with site visits and delivering Christmas anti spiking posters to all the licence establishments, as part of their campaign for people to stay safe.
- A City Fibre box was reported as insecure to the company so it can be repaired.
- We removed graffiti from the two new bus stops on Peterborough Road.

Open Spaces

Tivoli has been focusing on hedge maintenance this month. A majority of the hedge work included in the grounds maintenance contract has now been carried out to a satisfactory standard.

Work completed in December includes:

- Repair fence at Snowley Park due to further damage
- Works have been completed on the Mortuary in Whittlesey Cemetery
- Tidy cremation plots in cemetery
- Remove fallen branch from Bower towpath as obstructing pedestrian access.
- Cut back tree branches hanging over parking spaces at Manor car park
- Play area repairs at Snowley Park and Station Road

Coming soon:

- Cut back brambles in Station Road open space
- Clear vegetation at right hand side of Manor entrance to improve vehicle access
- Visit all shrub beds to address any issues prior to bird nesting