



Whittlesey Town Council Update

January 2024

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Whittlesey Street Pride kicked off the New Year with a litter pick on New Year's Day followed by another two weeks later to coincide with the annual Straw Bear festival.

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Environmental Health

The Environmental Health Team have been very busy in Whittlesey Town and the surrounding villages this month.

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The Food Safety inspections completed totalled 14 with most gaining a 5 Rating which is the highest food safety management score that can be achieved. Food Safety inspections look at the food business operator's food safety management, their cleaning regime and the confidence the inspector has in the food business operator's ability to produce food which is safe to eat.

A total of 11 planning applications were received where the Environmental Health Team have to determine any likely impact on local residents from the proposed development.

In relation to complaint investigations in the Whittlesey Town and surrounding villages The Environmental Health received 14 requests for service.

These included 4 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 1 allegation of Anti-Social Behaviour.



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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:	91hrs
Number of areas inspected regarding Cleansing:	15
Percentage of cleansing inspections found to be of a suitable standard:	100%

Tidy Fenland – Green Dog Walkers

Patrols this month have been focused around Stonald Road and the netball courts at Manor Leisure Centre.

The new dog fouling and litter posters will be ready to put to good use over the coming months with a push to renew stickers, posters and hard signage too.

Tidy Fenland – Fly Tipping

The fly tipping figures are shown below. The waste found was mainly household bulky items and black bags, with construction/demolition. Despite attending all 5 sites we found no evidence amongst the waste.

	Total	Chatteris	March	Whittlesey	Wisbech	Villages
Jan-24	148	12	29	5	52	50



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This month a Trade Duty of Care Fixed Penalty Notice has been issued and was paid this month.

Abandoned and Nuisance vehicles.

We received and visited all 7 reported cars for being abandoned this month. 4 in Whittlesey and 3 in the surrounding villages. No further action was taken, as they either didn't meet the criteria when visited or the owner contacted after a notice was issued by Street Scene and later removed the vehicle.

Planning and Legal have made progress with the issue of the advertising vehicles around Fenland. They are looking to issue a Notice with the request to remove and giving our intention to have them removed.

Street Scene Actions this month

- We have reported 3 issues to CCC Highways on behalf of the public. Pothole, a wonky tree and a dead tree were amongst the reports.
- After investigating black bags left by a litter bin in High Causeway, 4 flats have been advised to use the bulk bins in Whit Court. We will monitor this.
- We continue to support the Environmental Health Team with site visits for waste accumulations.
- We have supported 3 residents regarding their High Hedges and neighbour disputes.
- We have also assisted colleagues in Parks and Open Spaces, with site visits and putting up signage.
- 2 graves have been marked this month.



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Planning Enforcement

Performance	
Service Requests received as at Jan 2024	3
Total number of Service Requests in 2023-24 (Feb to Jan)	33
Cases Closed this month	4
Notices Served	0

Open Spaces

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

Work completed in January includes:

- Clear vegetation at right hand side of Manor entrance to improve vehicle access
- Remove fallen ivy from Bower towpath as obstructing pedestrian access.
- Topped up several graves in Whittlesey Cemetery

Coming soon:

- Cut back brambles in Station Road open space
- Removal of Christmas wreathes in cemetery

The water leak in Whittlesey Cemetery has now been assessed and we are waiting for this to be repaired.