



## Whittlesey Town Council Update

February 2024

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### Street pride and Community Groups

Update to be sent in the next newsletter.

### Environmental Health

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

The Food Safety inspections completed this month total 22. 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 14 planning applications were received for the Wisbech areas 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 Wisbech Town and surrounding villages The Environmental Health received 16 requests for service.

These included 4 complaints relating to commercial noise, dust and odour, 10 complaints relating to Noise from amplified music and Barking Dogs, 1 complaint regarding odour from a domestic house and 1 complaint alleging 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

More updates to be sent next month

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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### Planning Enforcement

Stats	
No. enforcement cases received in February 2024	3
No. enforcement cases received for year (01/03/2023 to 29/02/2024)	33
No. enforcement cases closed in February 2024	3
No. enforcement notices served in February 2024	1x PCN

### Open Spaces

During February, Tivoli has focused on shrub maintenance and play repairs. To prepare for the start of grass cutting on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024, Tivoli also carried out general maintenance on all machinery to ensure they are ready to proceed at the beginning of March.

Grass cutting commenced from 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024, it has been a staggered start to the season due to the unprecedented level of rain this year. We are aware that ground conditions in some of our open spaces has prevented Tivoli from carrying out the scheduled maintenance in these locations. We are hoping for a period of dry and warm weather to enable us to complete the full grass rounds as quickly as possible.



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Work completed in February and March includes:

- Removal of Christmas wreathes in FDC owned cemeteries
- Repair water leak and replace tap in Whittlesey Cemetery
- Fell diseased tree in Charles Road open space
- Remove fallen tree at Bower
- New gate installed at Manor and vandalised gate removed
- Trim brambles at Barnsfield Gardens
- Wash games wall and slide at North Green
- New slide installed at South Green
- Spray boundary fence of tennis court and Manor to prepare site for surfacing work
- Weed beds and trim box hedge in Garden of Rest

Coming soon:

- Cut back brambles in Station Road open space