



## Whittlesey Town Council Update

May 2024

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### 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 12 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 12 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 18 requests for service.

These included 4 complaints 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, 1 concern over excess water and drainage, 2 for pest control 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	
<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 Whittlesey North West</b>
<b>Percentage of cleansing inspections found to be of a suitable standard:</b>	<b>98%</b>





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### Tidy Fenland - Fly Tipping

We continue to attend areas which may suffer with having fly tipped waste which includes this month 4 sites we have been focusing on. These are Long Drive, A605 Laybys, the single track between A605 and Turves area and the Whittlesey Road.

At these locations we were able to search through waste and able to find evidence which we will pursue.

Following an investigation at another site a Fixed Penalty Notice was issued for £400 to a business where we found trade waste dumped in Whittlesey. This has now been paid and we will take no further action.

Fly tipping that the Council received and removed is shown broken down into locations below:

Month	Total	Chatteris	March	Whittlesey	Wisbech	Villages
Apr-24	120	7	11	10	60	32
May-24	158	7	19	16	76	38

### Green Dog Walkers

Stonald Road continues to be patrolled following a high number of reports of dog fouling over May. Extra bins have been requested and we await permission for installation. Signs have been placed in the area.



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Open spaces and other key areas are visited based on any intel given. Patrols are at varying times, early and late.

The new dog fouling posters designed by the Scouts have started to be put up and was spotted by one of the parents who was very proud.

We have also renewed Dog PSPO signage in Pine Wood Ave, Burdett Grove, Ramsey Road, Tower Close, General Cemetery and St. Marys Church yard following the existing ones being missing or damaged.

### **Nuisance and abandoned Vehicles**

Out of the 17 reported abandoned vehicles this month, 3 were in Whittlesey and 1 in Coates. All were investigated but were either moved by persons unknown or did not meet the criteria for enforcement action. One car has been reported to the DVLA for no road tax while parked on the highway.

### **Street Scene Actions**

- We received 1 report of e-scooters and bicycles using the alleyway to Quinion Close which was reported to CCC highways and ASB colleagues.
- CCC Highways - We received 3 complaints regarding hedges restricting the public footpath, after visiting 2 had been cut back and 1 was reported by using the online CCC reporting tool. An overgrown verge was also reported.
- 4 graves were marked this month.
- A missing litter bin was reported and has now been replaced on New Road.
- We have also supported colleagues with a site visit regarding gray water discharge issues.





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- Moorings – A novice boat owner asked to stay over a weekend due to the very strong winds and was granted temporary permission. The boat has since moved on.

### Open Spaces

Tivoli have been working hard to complete the grass cutting rounds across the district, with overtime being worked in the evening and at weekends to ensure the targets are achieved.

The Manor tennis courts and netball courts has had a good clean, some minor repair work and a newly painted surface. Although initial concerns were raised during the cleaning process, the end result is a significant improvement. We hope the revamped courts are well used and popular with the sport clubs in Whittlesey.

Work completed in May includes:

- Cut verge of towpath to rear of industrial estate at Station Road
- Remove fallen tree at Bower
- Clear vegetation obstructing footpath at Station Road recreation ground
- Strim nettles at entrance to Manor

Coming soon:

- Tidy shrub beds at Pinewood Avenue
- Reduce height of vegetation at access road to Manor
- Trim back hedge at Station Road as obstructing footpath
- Repair gate at Whittlesey Cemetery