



Whittlesey Town Council Update

February 2025

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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 6 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 5 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 12 requests for service.



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These included 6 complaints relating to commercial noise, dust and odour, 4 complaints relating to Noise from amplified music and Barking Dogs, 1 complaint regarding odour and pests from a domestic house, and 1 allegation of Anti-Social Behaviour. All complainants have been fully advised regarding our complaint investigation procedures.

Streetscene

Performance	
Total number of hours out and about on patrol in the local community:	39 hrs
Number of areas inspected regarding Cleansing	15
Percentage of cleansing inspections found to be of a suitable standard:	100%

Tidy Fenland – Fly Tipping & Dog Control

Fly Tipping figures recorded for February has seen a total of 124 incidents. Broken down into locations this was:

Month	Total	Chatteris	March	Whittlesey	Wisbech	villages
Jan-25	124	4	19	9	49	43*1 Coates & 1 Turves

Most items found were household related and of the waste dumped in Whittlesey there was no evidence found at the scene.



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New Fly Tipping Signs have been installed in Victory Avenue following a request from Clarion.

A Fixed penalty Notice of £150 has been issued to a female seen dropping litter in the town

Dog Patrols have taken place in Mulbury Close and Wype Drove

Abandoned Vehicles:

5 abandoned vehicle was reported this month. An officer attended to investigate all, and the cars were all later removed by their owners and not requiring any further action from FDC.

2 Nuisance vehicles have been reported to the police regarding parking and DVLA for no Tax offences.

Open Spaces

This month Tivoli operatives have focused on maintaining shrubs across the district before the grass cutting starts at the beginning of March 2025.

All machinery has been serviced and tested in preparation for the start of the grass cutting on 3rd March 2025.

We are aware wet ground conditions may prevent mower access on a few open spaces in Whittlesey. These areas will be inspected in early March 2025 to assess whether the grass can be cut without causing significant damage to the surface. Some of the worst affected areas may have to be left until conditions improve. An update on this issue will be provided in next month's report.



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Work completed in February includes:

- Trim branches of tree in Station Road rec
- Replace damaged paving slab on path to Tennis courts at Manor
- Cut back self-sets in Manor
- Tidy fence line in Barnfield Gardens

Coming soon:

- Reinstate football goals at Yarwells Headland
- Clear branches and spray overflow car park at Manor