



Whittlesey Town Council

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Environmental Health

The Environmental Health Team have been very busy in the town of Whittlesey and the surrounding villages over the past 3 months.

Our Food Safety inspections totaled 16 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 26 planning applications were received for the Whittlesey area where the Environmental Health Team must determine any likely impact on residents from a proposed development.

Our Environmental Health Officers have also been working on the Fens Reservoir Project with regular internal and stakeholder meetings.



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In relation to complaint investigations Environmental Health received 36 requests for service.

These included 6 complaints relating to commercial dust, noise, dust or odour 24 complaints relating to Noise from amplified music and dogs barking, 5 complaints regarding pests and accumulations and 1 complaint relating to Anti-Social Behavior.

Anti-Social behavior complaints are usually dealt with by the Police. however sometimes joint working is required with Environmental Health, Cambs Police and FDC Anti-Social Behavior Team to resolve at the very early stages. This has proved to be very successful and prevents escalation of a complaint.

Streetscene

Total number of hours out and about on patrol in the local community:

125 hrs

45

Number of cleansing inspections carried out:

Percentage of cleansing inspections found to be of a suitable standard: Lattersey, South, North East and villages 100 %



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Tidy demand - Fly Tipping & Dog Control

Fly Tipping incidents recorded during this time are below

Month	Total	Whittlesey	Eastrea	Coates	Turves
Jan-26	121	4	0	0	2
Feb-26	131	0	1	0	1
Mar-26	173	8	0	8	0

Some of our proactive work has seen regular visits to hot spot locations and renewing anti fly tipping signs. While we aim to visit every Fly Tip to look through the waste, we also have this removed as quickly as possible by our Rapid Response Team.

Dog Fouling

Dog enforcement has been carried out by patrolling our open spaces or the secluded footpaths early mornings or later evenings. We also refresh signage which are bright yellow stickers warning the few that we may be watching them. Particular focus has been in and around Park Lane alleyway following reports.

Abandoned Vehicles in Whittlesey, Eastrea, Coates & Turves:

We continue to visit all reported vehicles, investigate and then remove those found to be abandoned vehicles. Figures broken down during this time are below



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Month	FDC Total	Abandoned in Whittlesey	Abandoned in Eastrea	Abandoned in Coates	Abandoned in Turves	Nuisance	FDC Removed from these Areas
Feb-26	25	1	0	0	0	4 Coates	0
Mar-26	39	7	0	0	0	4 Whittlesey	1 Whittlesey
Apr-26 (21 ys)	27	7	0	0	0	0	0

Other Street Scene Work includes:

- 12 plots were marked on behalf of the Cemeteries Team in Whittlesey cemetery. The new banding of headstones, to identifying potentially unsafe headstones has started to be used now in all cemeteries through our program of memorial safety inspections.
- Street Scene reported back that the toilet block in the cemetery had been broken into and needed to be reboarded.
- A concerned member of the public reported a distressed dog left home alone, and constantly barking was found to be safe and well following an inspection.



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Planning

Enforcement

Whittlesey Jan-
Mar 2026

Service Request received as 1st Jan – 31st
March 2026 18

Total number of Service Requests in 2025/2026 47/31
1

(April - March)

Cases Closed this quarter 4

Notices Served in this quarter 0

Note: The Council has recently adopted a new Local Planning Enforcement Plan which came into effect in January 2026, which can be found on the Council's website at [Local Enforcement Plan](#). The Plan outlines the Council's approach to Planning Enforcement, the aims and objectives of the Enforcement Team and how the Team seeks to respond to breaches of planning control.



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Open Spaces - Whittlesey

During February, Tivoli management focused on preparation for the start of the grass-cutting season which commenced in March 2026. As we are now in peak season, Tivoli will be prioritizing grass cutting with several seasonal staff being employed to assist with this work. Prolonged wet ground conditions limited mower access across several open spaces in Whittlesey at the beginning of the season. As a result, some areas were not cut because works could not proceed without risking significant surface damage. In the most waterlogged locations, operations were delayed until ground conditions improved.

Weather conditions have been more favourable from the end of March onwards, and the majority of sites have now received their first cut.

All FDC-owned play areas have undergone their annual ROSPA safety inspection. We have now received the inspection reports, which will enable us to plan and prioritize any necessary repairs to ensure the play areas remain safe, compliant, and appealing for visitors.

Work completed in Feb, March and April includes:

- Repair to play equipment at Manor
- Tree work in Snowley Park
- Clearance of vegetation at Diana Close
- New footpath in Diana Close open space
- Remove self-set buddleia in Parkinson Lane car park

Coming soon:

- Repair to play surfacing at Burdett Grove
- Repair to play surfacing at Tower Close