



Whittlesey Town Council Update

May to July 2026

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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 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 25 planning applications were received for the March 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 24 requests for service.

These included 18 complaints relating to Noise from amplified music and dogs barking, 2 complaints regarding pests and accumulations and 2 complaints relating to 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

Total number of hours out and about on patrol in the local community: April, May, June	245hrs
Number of cleansing inspections carried out:	45
Percentage of cleansing inspections found to be of a suitable standard:	100%



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Tidy Fenland – Fly Tipping

During this time, we have received a total of 341 incidents of fly tipping. Most of the waste found was household related. Broken down into locations below

Month	Total	Whittlesey	Eastrea	Coates	Turves
Apr-26	126	6	1	0	1
May-26	83	6	0	0	0
June-26	132	10	0	0	0

Some of our proactive work has seen visits to key locations to check the waste and search for evidence. We also check there is signage which works well as a deterrent. We aim to visit each fly tipping and remove the waste within 24hrs of it being reported to us.

Dog Control

We have been out in the open spaces, but the hot weather has seen dog out on walks in the early hours and later evenings. We have therefore ensured the signage has been refreshed and checked the alleyways and play areas. Any fouling seen has been removed and we were pleased to see the bins were being well used.

Abandoned and nuisance vehicles

During this time, we have had 25 reports of abandoned vehicles. All were visited and inspected. Only 1 was removed by our contractor. The others were removed by their owners or do not meet the criteria.



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We also referred an additional 4 cars to the police for parking offences.

Other Street Scene Actions:

- marked 17 graves in Whittlesey Cemetery.
- 5 issues were reported to Cambridgeshire County Council Highways after site visits carried out and repairs required on their land.
- We visited 2 sites on behalf of Environmental Health, 5 for planning and 3 for Parks and Opens Spaces.
- 2 Refuse visits were carried out following bins left on pavements and broken wheelie bins causing concerns.
- Trade waste site visits were carried out to a business in town after their waste was found in the street litter bin. Another was visited when their Biffa trade bin was left full on the footpath and overflowing.
- We have supported Street Pride in collecting bagged waste.
- One of the market bollards was hit by car and damaged. It cannot be used and so we are in the process of getting quotes for its repair.
- Additional cleansing was required this month in town following 3 reports of broken glass and the need for a litter pick.
- Loose tiles on the Buttercross have been reported to Assets.
- 2 reports of offensive Graffiti were received and removed.



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Planning Enforcement

Whittlesey (April – June 2026)

Performance	
Service Requests received as 1 st April – 30 th June 2026	8 out of 69*
Total number of Service Requests in 2025/2026 (July 2025 – June 2026)	44 out of 380*
Cases Closed this quarter	12 out of 71*
Notices Served in this quarter	0 out of 2*

*figures are based on numbers for the Parish against the whole of Fenland District
There have been no Enforcement Notices served in the Whittlesey Town Council area during this quarter.



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Open Spaces – Whittlesey

Tivoli employed additional seasonal staff in April to support service delivery during the peak season. These new employees have now completed their training and are fully operational on site. This additional resource has been essential in ensuring that the contract continues to be delivered in accordance with the required specification.

The bank holidays in April and May resulted in the grass-cutting programme falling slightly behind schedule. However, Tivoli successfully mitigated any potential impact on service delivery by undertaking additional evening working hours, enabling the programme to return to schedule.

Overall, the season is progressing well. However, additional resources will be required over the coming months to focus on shrub bed and hard surface maintenance, ensuring these areas continue to meet the required standards. This requirement is currently under discussion with Tivoli Management.

Construction of the new PlayZone at Manor Field has commenced. This exciting new facility will be a valuable addition to the open space, providing enhanced opportunities for recreation and sport. We expect it to be well used by both local sports clubs and the wider community.