



## Chatteris Town Council Update

**April 2019**

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### **Street Pride and Community Groups**

March has been a busy month for Chatteris in Bloom / Street Pride.

The group held their regular litter pick on 2<sup>nd</sup> March and have put a request out on social media for assistance with watering of their many floral displays. Unfortunately the contractor who assisted last year is no longer available so the group need to find an alternative.

### **Environmental Health**

Recently the type of calls received by the team has included advice about having garden bonfires.

This time of year the number of nuisance bonfire increases as more people are outside clearing their gardens for summer.

Advice given explains it is not an offence to have a bonfire at a domestic property unless the bonfires are frequent and they cause the complainant a smoke nuisance. Many residents think that bonfires can only be lit after 7pm on non-windy evenings, but this is not the case. Bonfires can cause a smoke nuisance at any time during the day or night. Whenever we can environmental health officers advise residents to bag their garden waste and take it to the local civic amenity site or create a composting area in their garden.

Garden waste can also be collected by the council for an annual fee; [www.fenland.gov.uk/gardenwaste](http://www.fenland.gov.uk/gardenwaste)

## Chatteris and surrounding villages Performance Report : March 2019

<b>Food Safety Inspection Plan:</b>	
Number of food safety interventions completed	1
Number of Food Safety Warning Letters/ Notices sent	0
Number of Food Safety Advice letters sent	1
<b>Food Hygiene Rating Scheme</b>	
Number of Food Safety Premises whose score went UP	0
Number of Food Safety Premises whose score went DOWN	0
Number of Food Safety Premises whose score STAYED THE SAME	1
<b>Requests for Service</b>	
Total number of Requests for Service received in 2018/2019	218
Number of Requests for Service <b>received in March 2019</b>	14
Number responded to within 5 working days	14

## Streetscene

Performance	
Total number of hours out and about on patrol in the local community:	59hrs
Number of cleansing inspections carried out:	15no. Birch & Slade Lode
Percentage of cleansing inspections found to be of a suitable standard:	100%

We aim to launch the Green Dog Walkers campaign in the town as soon as we can following the statutory Purdah period and local elections. This will be with the support from Street Pride.

Patrols are continuing across Chatteris in areas where we know dog walkers frequent. These include all the open spaces and main footpaths. Whilst our Dog fouling signs were replaced in Ash Grove, Green Park and Newlands Road.

### **Fly tipping**

The total number of fly tipping instances recorded for February 2019 is 145. This is a decrease of 29 from the previous month.

This, broken down into areas, is as follows:

- Chatteris – 4
- March – 14
- Whittlesey – 11
- Wisbech – 51
- Villages – 65
- Total – 174

The majority of the fly tipping was household related with 91 instances followed by 13 vehicle related. Chatteris area saw a decrease from 12 instances during January, down to 4 in February.

### **Abandoned Vehicles**

18 vehicles have been reported as abandoned across the Fenland area with just one caravan removed by our contractor.

There was just 1 vehicle reported in Chatteris, which on investigation, was a neighbourhood parking dispute involving an untaxed vehicle on private designated parking spaces.

### **Enforcement actions this month**

- 39 FPNs have been issued by Kingdom up to the 25<sup>th</sup> March. 2 were issued in March and the remainder were issued in Wisbech. 33 were for litter offences and 6 for spitting.
- 2 further Fixed Penalty Notices were issued by Street Scene Officers for littering from a vehicle.
- 21 people were found guilty of littering offences at Peterborough Magistrates court. They were fined a total of £400.
- A woman from Sadler's Way received a formal written warning for putting her household waste in the street litter bin.

## Street Scene issues in Chatteris

- An abandoned vehicle has been reported in Chatteris, which on investigation, was a neighbourhood parking dispute involving an untaxed vehicle on private designated parking spaces.
- Memorial safety inspections are continuing in New Road cemetery. 769 inspections were carried out this month, with 62 needing attention.
- High winds caused a bench to blow over and be damaged in the cemetery.
- 2 commercial premises were visited regarding trade waste disposal.
- Broken and missing fencing rails were reported for replacement in Hunters Close.
- Several vehicles are being monitored in Furrowfields Road car park for not observing the 24 hour maximum parking sign.

## Planning Enforcement

Performance	
Service Requests received in March 2019	1
Total number of Service Requests in 2018-19	30
Cases Closed this month	0 (28 in year to date)
Notices Served	0

## Open Spaces

A relatively mild late winter/early spring has seen Tivoli progressing well with seasonal works particularly around shrub beds, leaf clearance and moss removal from hard surfaces. Flower beds have been prepared and composted for the introduction of sustainable planting (due in April). Expectations are high for a successful long-term project.

Grass cutting season commenced in the first week of March for the cemeteries (cut and collect) and all went well with good weather again assisting at the right time. Cutting of other areas, once the cemeteries had been completed, has also gone ahead as planned. All in all, a successful start to the mowing annual schedule.

Plans to re-landscape the Fire station bed and the Wenny Road entrance have been developed and orders placed for work to be completed in April.

## Useful Contacts

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