



## Chatteris Town Council Update

**July 2019**

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

June has been a busy month for Chatteris In Bloom / Street Pride as they are preparing for the In Bloom judging on 9<sup>th</sup> July.

Hanging baskets went up around the town earlier in the month and Jared's Garden Maintenance planted up and donated a tub he made to the group.

It is great to hear of local businesses and residents coming together to support the group with their In Bloom efforts.

## Environmental Health

Chatteris and surrounding villages Performance Report : June 2019	
<b>Food Safety Inspection Plan:</b>	
Number of food safety interventions completed	<b>4</b>
Number of Food Safety Warning Letters/ Notices sent	<b>0</b>
Number of Food Safety Advice letters sent	<b>4</b>
<b>Food Hygiene Rating Scheme</b>	
Number of Food Safety Premises whose score went UP	<b>0</b>
Number of Food Safety Premises whose score went DOWN	<b>0</b>
Number of Food Safety Premises whose score STAYED THE SAME	<b>4</b>
<b>Requests for Service</b>	
Total number of Requests for Service received in 2019/2020	<b>57</b>
Number of Requests for Service <b>received in June 2019</b>	<b>23</b>
Number responded to within 5 working days	<b>23</b>

## Streetscene

Performance – June	
Total number of hours out and about on patrol in the local community:	<b>67hrs</b>
Number of cleansing inspections carried out:	<b>15 no.</b> <b>10 in Slade Lode &amp; 5 rural (Manea)</b>
Percentage of cleansing inspections found to be of a suitable standard:	<b>99%</b> <b>1 fail in Curf Terrace (detritus)</b>

**Tidy Fenland Campaign**

The Green Dog Walkers campaign in the town is to be launched on Friday 5th July, when we will be in both Furrowfields Road open space and also on the market in Park Street, to engage with dog walkers. We will be having a promotional area at the Midsummer festival to raise awareness of the launch.

Patrols are continuing across Chatteris in areas where we know dog walkers frequent, in particular, Furrowfields Road.

**Fly tipping.**

The total number of fly tipping instances recorded for May 2019 is 137.

This, broken down into areas, is as follows:

- Chatteris – 9
- March – 10
- Whittlesey – 8
- Wisbech – 60
- Villages – 50
- Total – 137

The majority of the fly tipping was household related with 87 instances followed by 10 vehicle related, 9 of which were tyres, and 9 of commercial waste. There were just 7 instances of green waste.

**Abandoned Vehicles (to 22nd June)**

23 vehicles have been reported and investigated as abandoned across the Fenland area in June, with 1 being removed by our contractor.

There were 3 vehicles reported as abandoned in Chatteris: with very little information offered by the customer, but 2 found to be untaxed vehicles rather than abandoned and the other a parking issue. DVLA were advised of the tax offences.

**Enforcement actions this month**

- A multi-agency enforcement day took place in the lay-by at Clewes Corner. Numerous vehicles were pulled over to check they were compliant with various legal requirements. Partners included HMRC, Environment Agency, Police, DVLA and FDC.
- 35 FPNs have been issued by Kingdom up to the 24<sup>th</sup> June.
  - 24 of these were in Wisbech, 6 in Whittlesey, 4 in March and 1 in Chatteris.
  - 29 were for smoking related litter offences, 3 for food related, 1 a betting slip, 1 for spitting and 1 for not having a dog on a lead.
  - 46% were issued to 20-29 year olds, with 17% to 40-49 and 14% to both 30-39 and 50-59 age groups.
  - 66% of the total were male.

- 1 written warning was sent out to a Chatteris resident whose details were found in household waste left in a litterbin.
- A section 108 was sent out to a car driver who dropped a dog out of his vehicle and allowed it to foul while he drove off. On returning for the dog he made no attempt to locate the fouling or pick it up. On confirmation of the driver identity, he will be receiving an FPN.

## Street Scene issues in Chatteris

- Vehicles in Furrowfields Road car park have been monitored and letters put onto windscreens advising the owners that they are in breach of the car park conditions of use, having exceeded the 24 hour maximum parking period.
- One of these vehicles was found to be untaxed and details were passed to DVLA for the tax offence.
- The owner of a fridge dumped on the highway was located and reminded of fly tipping penalties. The fridge was quickly removed and disposed of legally.
- A bench has been vandalised in Huntingdon Road rec. and reported to Parks.
- A drainage cover has gone missing from the footpath across Furrowfields Road open space. This is to be replaced urgently.
- Graffiti was found and reported for removal, on the underpass in Larham Way.
- Assistance was given to locate a burial plot in the cemetery.
- A dog fouling incident was caught on a private cctv camera. Although the footage was clear, the dog walkers were minors, so we are unable to take this forward.

## Planning Enforcement

Performance	
Service Request June 2019	0
Total number of Service Requests in 2019-20	7
Cases Closed this month	0
Notices Served	0

## Open Spaces

Despite the mixed weather Tivoli are keeping on top of the mowing rounds. The cemeteries look good and the open spaces are under control. Rectification of any areas missed, which can still occur, has been quickly remedied. Around the town the new regime of sustainable planting has been introduced successfully and the town centre beds, Station Road and the church frontage are beginning to look the part. Further attention has been paid to South fens Business Park, the area around the fire station and to the entrance to Wenny Road from the A412.

Wenny Rec has suffered from some vandalism which necessitated the removal of the climbing frame and small repairs in the vicinity. In June, the Head of Service met with the Town Council to explain plans for the town which will include ideas for play areas. At present, tenders are out (return July) for substantial improvements to the aging facilities currently on site. Tree work in the cemeteries, identified in inspection reports earlier in the year, are also being scheduled to take place in due course

## Useful Contacts

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