



## Chatteris Town Council Update

July 2020

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### Street Pride and Community Groups

On 1<sup>st</sup> June, government guidance was updated in that up to six people can meet outside and take part in outdoor activities provided strict social distance guidelines are followed. Following this update, the Street Pride Co-ordinator was contacted by a number of groups enquiring whether individual and small group litter picks could now be held. Government guidance was sent to groups for them to decide whether such activities can happen and how to undertake them as safely as possible.

Chatteris Street Pride / In Bloom held a virtual committee meeting and decided to resume certain activities abiding by social distancing at all times. The group as well as planting their 3 tier planters also put 40 hanging baskets up around the town. The group want to bring some colour to the town centre during summer for the community to enjoy.

### Environmental Health

Several non-essential businesses were observed to have re-opened on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June. Many shop owners asked officers for advice on how to manage their customers safely given and keep their staff safe. Appropriate signage and instruction was noted at the entrances of most businesses which re-opened.

Similar support will be given on 4<sup>th</sup> July also. A business support project officer has been appointed, making use of government funding. This officer will be supporting High Street businesses to remain covid compliant and access pavement licences later this month when the scheme receives government approval.

The feedback from local businesses has been extremely positive with many sending thanks into the Council for the help and assistance they are receiving from Environmental Health in these unprecedented and uncertain times.

Chatteris and surrounding villages Performance Report : June 2020	
<b>Food Safety Inspection Plan:</b>	
Number of food safety interventions completed	<b>0</b>
Number of Food Safety Warning Letters/ Notices sent	<b>0</b>
Number of Food Safety Advice letters sent	<b>0</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>0</b>
<b>Requests for Service</b>	
Total number of Requests for Service received in 2020/2021	<b>160</b>
Number of Requests for Service received in June 2020	<b>45</b>
Number responded to within 5 working days	<b>160</b>

## Streetscene

Performance – (Month)	
Total number of hours out and about on patrol in the local community:	41hrs
Number of cleansing inspections carried out:	15no. 10 Slade Lode : 5 Manea
Percentage of cleansing inspections found to be of a suitable standard:	100%

### Tidy Fenland Campaign – Green Dog Walkers

Dog patrols have continued this month, the warm weather has seen our opens spaces being very well visited and we have tried to ensure high standards are maintained. With this in mind Street Scene officers are still offering support to the community at this very important time.

Out and about in the town and showing a visible presence has been our focus and whilst here we have been, albeit at a social distance, talking to dog walkers to promote responsible dog ownership. The bag dispenser in Furrowfields Road open space has been topped up and we have replaced litterbin signs to remind dog walkers they can be used to dispose of their dogs waste.

Dog fouling which has either been seen or reported has been remove, and it has been pleasant to see the town centre being free from fouling.

### Fly tipping

The total number of fly tipping instances recorded for May, 2020 is 101; a 18% decrease on last month.

This, broken down into areas, is as follows:

Chatteris –3

March –14

Whittlesey – 11

Wisbech – 26

Villages – 47

**Total – 101**

The majority of the fly tipping was household related with 66 instances, 19 were commercial waste, 5 green waste and 5 electrical.

Further bulky waste items were found to be dumped in Old Auction Yard. This communal area appears to be under Crown ownership and not receiving any cleansing or

maintenance. Signs are to be erected in the bin area in an effort to deter fly tipping and residents have been spoken to and have agreed to keep any eye on the area and take responsibility for their own waste management.

**Abandoned vehicles (to 24<sup>th</sup> June)**

11 vehicles have been reported this month across the Fenland area. There were no abandoned vehicle reports from Chatteris residents this month.

**Street Scene issues**

- Wenny Road recreation ground has seen a big increase in litter now the lockdown has been eased, with a report of that a bench has been unscrewed and moved to the wooded area, where there appears to have been group gatherings. To assist residents Street Scene Officers and cleansing staff has been visiting every day to keep on top of it and speak with the public. CCTV has also been advised and will monitor and report any damage seen.
- Hedges in Eastbourne Road were reported as overhanging the pavement. A privately owned hedge on the junction with London Road was passed to Cambs highways, who contact the homeowners. Other overgrown hedging was highlighted to our contractors for action.
- 3 teenagers were given advice when found to be using the children's play equipment in Furrowfields Road open space when it was closed to the public.
- A missing water hydrant sign in Old Auction Yard was reported to the Fire Service and replaced within the day.

**High Street – Covid19 support to local businesses and the community.**

Streetscene were able to give valuable support on this day of reopening including displaying signs and banners.

Businesses were offered support and mostly had good practice steps in place with good queue marking and managing at busier places.

## Planning Enforcement

Performance	
Service Requests received in June 2020	2
Total number of Service Requests in 2020-21	9
Cases Closed this month	1 (3 in year to date)
Notices Served	0

With regard to the case that was closed, whilst it was found that a breach of planning control had taken place, the breach was not so significant as to justify formal action being taken to rectify the issue.

## Open Spaces

The effect of Co-Vid 19 on the operation of the Open Spaces begins to lessen. All play areas will re-open on July 4th, though social distancing remains in place. Skate parks opened in mid-June. Some vandalism has been reported.

The grass cutting operation, however, has continued with Tivoli continuing a very good start to the season and the mix of warm and wet weather has seen the parks and open spaces looking at their finest. This has been really important work as parks and open spaces have remained open during this difficult time as a support for health and wellbeing.

In the town, the following took place:

- Wildflower preparation St Peters Church – area returned to grass.
- Larham Way underpass cut on behalf of Cambs CC
- Overhanging tree Larham Way
- New Road cemetery – bollards installed to prevent parking on grass
- Huntingdon Road – clearance on fence line

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