



Chatteris Town Council Update

May 2019

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Street Pride and Community Groups

The month of April saw many groups across the district take part in this year's Keep Britain Tidy campaign – Great British Spring Clean.

On Saturday 6th April, Chatteris Street Pride held their litter pick. There was a good turnout with a number of bags of rubbish being collected.

These types of campaigns are a great way to encourage residents to get involved by taking pride in their community by enhancing the appearance of villages and towns.

Environmental Health

The new food safety and health and safety inspection programmes for 2019/20 have been approved. These programmes include inspection more than 300 premises where regulatory compliance is assessed and advice offered.

Feedback from businesses last year was that 100% were happy with their inspection and found the officer fair and helpful.

The majority of the food safety inspections will be completed by our colleagues from South Holland who are working in partnership with Fenland due to a shortage of qualified officers in the Cambridgeshire area.

**Chatteris and surrounding villages
Performance Report : April 2019**

Food Safety Inspection Plan:	
Number of food safety interventions completed	4
Number of Food Safety Warning Letters/ Notices sent	0
Number of Food Safety Advice letters sent	4
Food Hygiene Rating Scheme	
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	4
Requests for Service	
Total number of Requests for Service received in 2019/2020	16
Number of Requests for Service received in April 2019	16
Number responded to within 5 working days	16

Streetscene

Performance	
Total number of hours out and about on patrol in the local community:	71hrs
Number of cleansing inspections carried out:	15no. Birch 8no, Rural 7no.
Percentage of cleansing inspections found to be of a suitable standard:	100%

Tidy Fenland Campaign

We aim to launch the Green Dog Walkers campaign in the town as soon as we can following Purdah and the 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.

Fly tipping

The total number of fly tipping instances recorded for March 2019 is 168. This is an increase of 23 from the previous month.

This, broken down into areas, is as follows:

- Chatteris – 14
- March – 17
- Whittlesey – 12
- Wisbech – 51
- Villages – 74
- Total – 168

The majority of the fly tipping was household related with 94 instances followed by 18 vehicle related and 15 of green waste. Chatteris area saw an increase from just 4 fly tips during February to 14 in March.

Investigations are still on-going following a large amount of asbestos tipped on the 16ft Bank near Manea. The public were very forthcoming with information, allowing us to follow up a very promising lead.

Abandoned Vehicles

21 vehicles have been reported and investigated as abandoned across the Fenland area in April, with none being removed by our contractor.

There was just 1 vehicle reported as abandoned in Chatteris, which upon investigation was a parking issue.

Enforcement actions this month

- 30 FPNs have been issued by Kingdom up to the 26th April. 23 were for smoking related litter offences and 7 for spitting.
- 1 further Fixed Penalty Notice was issued by a Street Scene Officer for littering from a vehicle.
- 11 FPNs were issued for parking offences on March Market Place - 4 of these were vehicles parking overnight and obstructing the St Georges Fayre event.
- 1 written warning was sent out regarding details found on packaging in fly tipping.
- 6 section 108s were sent out, asking for details of littering and fly tipping offences.

Street Scene issues in Chatteris

- Memorial safety inspections have commenced in the General (Meeks) cemetery and St Peters & St Paul's churchyard. 579 inspections were carried out in April, with just 6 memorials needing attention.
- 7 complaints regarding memorial safety issues were investigated, meeting the family and demonstrating how we test the memorials.

- Cemetery issues were reported, including dead wreaths on graves and missing cremation plot slabs.
- Historical information was requested from a house buyer, relating to the location of the old 'plague cemetery' in New Road. This was in use during the 1800's and quickly filled due to an outbreak of Cholera in the 1830's. This was built over in the 1970's. Once located, the house buyer was happy to proceed.
- Used cooking oil in containers was left in Railway Lane –apparently fly-tipped and spilling into the drains. An oil recycling company was contacted and they agreed to remove the bin and additional tubs.
- Dog fouling signs were replaced in Furrowfields Road park during regular patrols, and a resident from Station Road was also given signs to display as she was concerned about the amount of dog fouling and bags left in her front garden.
- Graffiti was removed from the CCT V pillar in Market Hill.
- A discarded sofa was discovered and removed from the bushes in West Street.

Open Spaces

Flower beds have been re-shaped, prepared and composted and the new sustainable planting was completed in early April by the contractor. Recent dry weather has prompted some additional manual watering but expectations remain 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 has continued 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 resulting in 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. Final stages of planting will take place in early May. A safety inspection of all play areas in the District has been commissioned and completed (by ROSPA) and assessment of a programme of renovation and replacement required will be developed shortly.

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