



## Chatteris Town Council Update

September 2019

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### Street Pride and Community Groups

August has been a relatively quiet month for Chatteris in Bloom / Street Pride in terms of focusing on new ventures. The group has continued to maintain existing projects and conduct litter picks.

The volunteers now eagerly await the Anglia in Bloom results which are announced on 10<sup>th</sup> September.

Also this month 15-17 year olds completing a National Citizen Service programme borrowed equipment to run their own litter picks.

### Environmental Health

Officers from Environmental Health on a routine site visit in Friday Bridge uncovered thousands of pounds worth of illicit tobacco and fake Golden Virginia sachets with duty paid on them.

Police and HM Revenue and Customs partners were notified. Police attended and seized the goods.

The partnership arrangement supports the Fenland tobacco alliance objectives of reducing the availability of illicit tobacco and reducing smoking levels.

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

<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 2019/2020	<b>109</b>
Number of Requests for Service received in August 2019	<b>33</b>
Number responded to within 5 working days	<b>33</b>

**Streetscene**

<b>Performance</b>	
<b>Total number of hours out and about on patrol in the local community:</b>	<b>71 hrs</b>
<b>Number of cleansing inspections carried out:</b>	<b>15 Slade Lode- 8 inspections Rural (Manea) 7 inspections.</b>
<b>Percentage of cleansing inspections found to be of a suitable standard:</b>	<b>94% 1 fail : Detritus in Curlew Ave footpath</b>

**Tidy Fenland Campaign**

Dog fouling patrols are continuing across Chatteris. Since the Green Dog Walkers campaign in the town was launched on Friday 5th July, a further 5 members of the public have signed the pledge.

The dog bag dispenser is being monitored to see how effective this is. We have not had any further instances of all the bags being taken and are filling it up little and often which seems to be working well. Unfortunately we did notice a pile of fouling under the dispenser so was a deliberate act by the owner to not pick up, choosing to ignore taking a bag and putting this in the nearby bin. However on the whole the dispenser is going down well with walkers and is being used sensibly.

**Fly tipping**

The total number of fly tipping instances recorded for July 2019 is 124.

This, broken down into areas, is as follows:

- Chatteris – 3
- March – 15
- Whittlesey – 8
- Wisbech – 56
- Villages – 42
- Total – 124

The majority of the fly tipping was household related with 69 instances followed by 15 vehicle related, with the majority of these being tyres. 10 fly tips were commercial waste and 9 instances of green waste.

**Abandoned Vehicles (to 28th August)**

34 vehicles have been reported and investigated as abandoned across the Fenland area in August. Just 1 of these was in Chatteris – this vehicle had current tax and MOT, but was left insecure for 5 days. A nuisance vehicle sign was attached and it was quickly removed by the owner.

**Kingdom Enforcement actions this month**

- 23 FPNs have been issued by 3 Kingdom Officers up to the 28th August.
  - 14 of these were in Wisbech, 6 in March, and 3 in Chatteris.
  - Specific to Chatteris all FPNs were issued for littering offences in High Street

**Street Scene issues in Chatteris**

- A letter was sent to the owner of a high hedge, reminding him of his obligation to keep it below a certain height following a remedial notice which was served to him in 2007.
- 3 complaints were received in relation to untidy gardens in the town. Unfortunately we were able to take enforcement action but gave words of advice to the occupiers.
- A fallen fence has been reported, which is obstructing a footpath. Our enquiries show this to belong to the owner of the adjoining property.

- A deep pothole was reported to Cambridgeshire Highways in Station Street.
- A business premises received a visit after complaints their waste was left in bags beside their bin which were being ripped open and scattered by animals. They agreed to increase the size of their bin to accommodate the extra bags following a review of their trade waste.

## Planning Enforcement

Performance	
Service Requests received in July 2019	4
Total number of Service Requests in 2019-20	18
Cases Closed this month	0
Notices Served	0

## Open Spaces

Variable summer weather has meant, contrary to the heat wave of 2018, that the grass continues to grow at pace. Restructuring of the contractor rounds has enabled the team to keep on top of the schedule and all cuts have been completed on time and to general satisfaction.

The planters are now displaying their colour and the recent Anglia in Bloom inspection went ahead with much credit – results due in September. Other work to have taken place includes tree clearance in New Road cemetery along the fence line, bench removed from St Peters church and the grass cut in all areas. Plans to put fixed and drop-bollards in the church grounds to prevent anti-social parking on the grass are developing. Tenders were completed for the replacement of play equipment at Wenny Rec and the contract subsequently awarded. Installation will commence in late September with a completion before the end of October. In the meantime some equipment which had failed or been vandalised has been removed in readiness and the trees have been crown lifted.

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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