



Chatteris Town Council Update

March 2018

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Street Pride and Community Groups

Chatteris in Bloom have continued to plan new projects, maintain existing ones and fundraise.

The group also held a quiz night for the community to put their knowledge to the test whilst helping raise funds for the group.

Environmental Health

Environmental Health are currently assisting 29 local home owners who have a private sewage treatment works, (STW, connected to their drainage. The STW and the pumps have stopped working resulting in all 29 homes being without an effective drainage system. Environmental Health staff are giving advice and supporting residents to resolve the issue. This may result in formal action in order for the public health risk to be resolved.

Owners have expressed their gratitude in getting this matter rectified.

Chatteris and surrounding villages Performance Report : February 2018

Food Safety Inspection Plan:	
Number of food safety interventions completed	8
Number of Food Safety Warning Letters/ Notices sent	1
Number of Food Safety Advice letters sent	7
Food Hygiene Rating Scheme	
Number of Food Safety Premises whose score went UP	1
Number of Food Safety Premises whose score went DOWN	1
Number of Food Safety Premises whose score STAYED THE SAME	6
Requests for Service	
Total number of Requests for Service received in 2017/18	214
Number of Requests for Service received in February 2018	17
Number responded to within 5 working days	17

Streetscene

Performance	
Total number of hours out and about on patrol in the local community:	81
Number of cleansing inspections carried out:	15
Percentage of cleansing inspections found to be of a suitable standard: *Where below std a service request has been made	86%

Tidy Fenland

Our environmental campaign is moving into our next phase to promote responsible dog ownership across Fenland. The campaign will focus on prevention and enforcement work for dog offences throughout the year. We will be taking successes from previous dog campaigns to shape the work we do and work with partners to maximise the effect of the campaign. The campaign will be a mixture of prevention and enforcement and aims to;

- Reduce dog fouling.
- Increase awareness of how to report irresponsible dog owners.
- Refresh and install signs in key areas.
- Carry out a programme of enforcement patrols based on priority areas with both Street Scene and Kingdom Officers.
- Take enforcement action where necessary through the use of Fixed Penalty Notices.
- Work with our stray dog contractor to raise awareness of responsible dog ownership and the importance of micro chipping. As well as offering information to young people about keeping safe around dogs.

We ask that all Town Councils feedback to us any matters which they are concerned about so that we can include these into our work. We will also be embarking on media coverage to appeal to members of the public our intention to educate and enforce. Kingdom will be assisting with our planned enforcement patrols.

Dog Enforcement patrols have been carried out in parks and open spaces with particular attention being paid to Furrowfields Rec, walkers have been engaged with and all persons seen picking up after their dogs. Fouling is still occurring along the footpath running alongside Curlew Avenue into the park itself, this footpath is hidden from view and would suggest those who do not pick up feel it is less likely they will be seen so this is something we will monitor.

Fly tipping

The total number of fly tipping instances recorded for January 2018 is 192. This, broken down into areas, is as follows:

- Chatteris – 19
- March –14
- Whittlesey –7
- Wisbech –72
- Villages –80
- Total –192

The majority of the fly tipping was household related (97 instances). This can be broken down further into:

- Green Waste – 12
- Vehicle related – 30
- Electrical 14
- Construction – 7
- Chemical/oil drums-2
- Household - 97
- Commercial –16
- Other- 14

The majority of the fly tipping was household related with 97 instances, an increase of 31% from the previous month and no doubt due to the Christmas festivities. 30 were vehicle related, 16 commercial and 12 of green waste. We have also seen an increase unfortunately in tipped car tyres.

Officers continue to attend as many fly tipping sites as they can to try and find evidence and follow this up. This month officers have been following up evidence found at 3 locations. During routine patrols officers have also found fly tipped waste (mattress and wooden pallets) in Prospect Way industrial unit bin store.

Enforcement actions this month

During February a total of 149 tickets have been issued. This can be broken down as follows:

- March-6
- Whittlesey-8
- Wisbech-135.

Patrols were undertaken in Chatteris but no fixed penalty notices were served.

FPNs have been issued for types of litter as follows:

- Cigarette- 99
- PSPO alcohol- 10
- PSPO open container-13
- Litter other-4
- Spitting-23

Abandoned Vehicles

2 vehicles have been reported as abandoned but were removed by persons unknown.

Street Scene Issues

- A street light left on during the day has been reported to highways. Along with a pot hole in New Road.
- 3 additional requests for litter picking have been reported to cleansing, including along A141 from Wimblington to Chatteris, patches of litter accumulation.
- Offensive graffiti has been removed from Furrowfields open space

Planning Enforcement

Performance	
Service Requests received in February 2017	3
Total number of Service Requests in 2017-18	26
Cases Closed this month	3
Notices Served	0

With regard to the 3 closed cases; in 1 the matter was remedied voluntarily and in the other 2 cases no breach was found to have taken place.

Open Spaces

All tree works are now completed.

St Peters Church Yard – Works are ordered and will commence in March to refurbish the new grass area, including small wild flora area.

Order raised for the footpath refurbishment in St Peters Churchyard.

Grass Cutting to all areas will commence during the early part of March, weather permitting.

Useful Contacts

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