



## Chatteris Town Council Update

**May 2017**

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

During April, Chatteris in Bloom / Street Pride were busy continuing with their activities of maintaining projects.

On Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April, Chatteris in Bloom held their Easter Eggstravaganza which featured an Easter Egg Hunt, Easter Bonnet Competition and activities such as making puppets and cakes.

It is great to hear that the volunteers are finding different ways to promote themselves and events to attract new audiences.

### **Environmental Health**

Environmental Health have been carrying out a number of health and safety inspections in premises in Chatteris that carry out Tattooing, Semi Permanent Tattooing, (Eyebrows) or Ear and Body Piercing. The main objective for the inspections is the protection of public health and to ensure that anyone offering these services is licensed. In 2016/17 Environmental Health had over 15 new applications to carry out these services. The licensing regime ensures that these premises are known to the Council, are clean and hygienic and the operators have the expertise and knowledge to ensure that public health and health and safety requirements are adhered to.

## Chatteris and surrounding villages Performance Report : April 2017

<b>Food Safety Inspection Plan:</b>	
Number of food safety interventions completed	<b>5</b>
Number of Food Safety Warning Letters/ Notices sent	<b>3</b>
Number of Food Safety Advice letters sent	<b>2</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>1</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 2016/17	<b>246</b>
Number of Requests for Service received in April 2017	<b>16</b>
Number responded to within 3 working days	<b>16</b>

## Streetscene

Performance	
<b>Total number of hours out and about on patrol in the local community:</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>Number of cleansing inspections carried out:</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Percentage of cleansing inspections found to be of a suitable standard:</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Enforcement service**

In late May a new Tidy Fenland campaign will be launched. The campaign will focus on all environmental crimes including dog fouling, littering and fly tipping. The campaign will follow the successful Tidy Fenland campaigns previously delivered. Following the last campaign feedback from the public was for more enforcement and so this new campaign will include patrols by Streetscene Officers and additional enforcement staff who will be working for the Council.

More information will be circulated to the Town Council soon. Please do feedback information to inform these enforcement patrols and tell us about areas where littering or dog fouling / fly tipping are a problem.

**Abandoned Vehicles**

Officers have dealt with 2 reports of abandoned vehicles this month.

Westbourne Road - was removed by the owner after a notice was placed on the windscreen.

Public right of way off A142- burnt out vehicle was removed by Fenland District Council contractors.

**Fly tipping**

The total number of fly tipping instances recorded for March 2017 is 134. This, broken down into areas, is as follows:

- Chatteris –4
- March – 10
- Whittlesey –9
- Wisbech –55
- Villages –56
- Total – 134

The majority of the fly tipping was household related (73 instances).

This can be broken down further into:

- Green Waste 11
- Vehicle related 22
- Electrical 10
- Construction 2
- Chemical/oil drums 1
- Household 73
- Commercial 9

- Other 6

Fly tipping instances found by officers on patrol and reported for removal to our Rapids Team occurred in:

- Primrose Hill-Sheets of asbestos fly tipped in the layby.
- Stocking Drove-builders waste.

3 Fixed Penalty Notices for fly tipping have been paid this month for fly tipped waste found in Chatteris and March. The penalty issued was for £400 with an option of an incentive reduced fee of £300 if paid within 21 days. All three were paid within the 21 day cut off point.

### **Dog Control Orders**

A verbal warning was issued to an owner who was walking her dog in New Road Cemetery.

Replacement signage was requested for Claremont Drive around the green space area and officers placed these warning signs on the lampposts advising of fines for not picking up.

Enforcement patrols have been carried out in all park areas , to include general patrols of residential streets in and around the town.

### **Litter**

Officers completed litter picks in layby off Primrose Hill and request for service for removal of litter along the small ditch by the bridge in Furrowfields Park now that the water has subsided.

After finding waste left by the charity banks in Furrowfields Road, 1 Fixed Penalty has been issued for littering.

### **Fly posting**

Officers have removed a total of 12 posters from various streets around town.

Other issues reported by Street Scene Officers:

- Tree Surround has been reported in Park Street to our Parks and Open Spaces team for repair.
- The litter bin in Wenny Road has been reported for repair.
- 1 business has been visited to check on their waste removal compliance after commercial waste linked to the business was found in Gibside Avenue.

## Planning Enforcement

Performance	
Service Requests received in March 2017	0
Total number of Service Requests in 2016-17	26
Cases Closed this month	0 (32 closed in the year)
Notices Served	0

## Open Spaces

May typically brings the end of the Spring bedding displays and all the bedding displays will be ready to remove around mid-May onwards, once removed ISS contractors will prepare the beds ready for the Summer displays which will be planted during Early June.

We have given the wild flora area within the rear area of the Church, an additional trim in April and also we are preparing a small area to be seeded using a seed mix from Pictorial Meadows, with flora varieties based around a Golden Summer shades. The seed will be sown early May with involvement of the Chatteris In Bloom group, this will give support towards the Chatteris In bloom entry this year.

In addition to this enhancement we have also removed the very old dated shrub bed outside the council offices, and this was replanted with a selection of shrubs, roses and herbaceous plants at the end of April.

The Flower bed at the entrance to Chatteris from Ely side, needs urgent repairs as a number of the sleepers are now rotten and the bed had given way on two of the sides, ISS will be carrying out a reduction in the size of this bed, but will make reuse of the sleepers where possible, but still retaining the Bloom sign and flowers.

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