



Chatteris Town Council Update

April 2018

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Street Pride and Community Groups

Chatteris in Bloom / Street Pride have had a busy month.

Earlier in the month they took down last year's poppy installation. The group are unable to utilise the beacon this year but have plans for something new. Watch this space!

On 21st March 4 volunteers attended the Pride in Fenland awards where the group had been nominated under the Group, Club or Organisation category. It is great to hear that group's efforts are being recognised.

Environmental Health

Food Safety inspections in Chatteris continue to show good food hygiene management with most premises being broadly compliant (at Rating 3) or 4(Good) and 5 (Very Good).

Recently two premises had lapsed from 5 ratings to 4 but with support and encouragement from the inspectors they requested a re-score inspection after a further 3 months. The food business operators implemented the advice given by the inspectors and are back to a 5 rating.

Chatteris and surrounding villages Performance Report : March 2018

Food Safety Inspection Plan:	
Number of food safety interventions completed	6
Number of Food Safety Warning Letters/ Notices sent	0
Number of Food Safety Advice letters sent	6
Food Hygiene Rating Scheme	
Number of Food Safety Premises whose score went UP	2
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 2017/18	227
Number of Requests for Service received in March 2018	20
Number responded to within 5 working days	20

Streetscene

Performance – March (up to 23rd March 2018)

Total number of hours out and about on patrol in the local community:	85
Number of cleansing inspections carried out:	15. In Slade Lode and Birch wards
Percentage of cleansing inspections found to be of a suitable standard:	100%

Tidy Fenland – Dog Campaign

Officers have been carrying out regular patrols in hot spot areas identified by the community. Additional signs have also been installed in Eastwood, London Road, Furrowfields Road. The main focus has been in

- Furrowfields
- Wenny Road Rec
- High Street
- Railway and Rosemary Lane
- Huntingdon Road Rec

Following our recent dog fouling campaign publicity a small group of dog walkers have been in contact to talk about how they can be active 'eyes and ears' in promoting responsible dog ownership amongst other dog walkers. It's really great to have commitment from community volunteers.

Fly tipping

The total number of fly tipping instances recorded for February 2018 is 164. This, broken down into areas, is as follows:

- Chatteris – 10
- March – 21
- Whittlesey – 12
- Wisbech – 60
- Villages – 61
- Total – 164

The majority of the fly tipping was household related with 95 instances. 33 were vehicle related, 9 electrical and 3 of green waste. Officers have attended and looked for evidence in 5 of the fly tipped sites.

Enforcement actions this month (Figures are up to the 23rd March)

- 3 written warnings were issued: 1 for fly tipping where there was insufficient evidence following an interview under caution and 2 for placing bags of household waste in street litterbins.
- There have been no fixed penalties for littering issued in Chatteris this month.

Street Scene issues

- 2 vehicles were reported as abandoned in the Chatteris area. One was a reported via the Police, but was no longer at the location given and the other is still under investigation but thought to be a parking issue. 2 vehicles which were reported and investigated during February were removed and 2 further vehicles reported during March were also removed by our contractors this month.
- Cemetery: following the very wet weather, sunken graves were identified and passed To ISS to rectify.

- The cemetery notice board has been repaired and updated.
- Market: Promotional cloth bags were given out to customers as a thank you for supporting our market in the very bad weather.
- Excess litter was found in the Leisure centre and Fairleeds car parks and reported for cleansing.
- A light and road sign were demolished on the splitter island at Carters Bridge – photos of the damage and vehicle were forwarded to Highways.
- 3 Faulty street lights on the Furrowfields Car Park have been identified for repairs.
- Monitoring of the Car park is taking place due to reports of an individual apparently storing several vehicles here.
- A damaged light column has been reported for repairs in the Leisure Centre car park.

Sally has chosen to reduce her hours to part time and this has led to some staff changes within the Street Scene team, Anne Marshall will be returning to look after your town. Anne is a very experienced officer who has vast knowledge of the area. Please do not hesitate to contact her on 07717 866963 or streetscene@fenland.gov.uk if you have any concerns.

Planning Enforcement

Performance	
Service Requests received in March 2018	2
Total number of Service Requests in 2017-18	8
Cases Closed this month	4 (25 in year to date)
Notices Served	0

Of the four cases closed, in 3 events no breach was found, and in the other it was not in the public interest to take enforcement action.

Open Spaces

All tree works are now completed.

St Peters Church Yard – Works started late March on the new grass area, including small wild flora area.

Footpath refurbishment in St Peters Churchyard completed.

Grass Cutting to all areas commenced late March due to inclement weather

Huntingdon Rd Play area – East Gate repaired.

Useful Contacts

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