



## Chatteris Town Council Update

August 2018

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### **Street Pride and Community**

July 6<sup>th</sup> saw Chatteris judged for Anglia in Bloom. During the month the In Bloom group were busy finalising last minute touches and maintenance to existing projects. The group now eagerly await the results in September.

Also this month, the Street Pride Co-ordinator conducted a litter pick with Chatteris Girl Guides. The litter pick took place a few days before Chatteris was judged through the Anglia in Bloom competition as the youngsters wanted to do their bit to help. Robinett - Insert text here

### **Environmental Health**

A 3 year old girl died in Norfolk whilst using an inflatable play structure. This incident has prompted an investigation by the Police and the Health and safety Executive, (HSE).

The investigation by the Police and HSE is at a very early stage, but it has been established that an "air sealed" device within the trampoline failed. The "air sealed" device differs from more traditional inflatable devices, such as bouncy castles and slides as they use a "continuous supply of air" to maintain their shape.

HSE have advised businesses who use the "air sealed" devices" via an updated Guidance Note.

Fenland District Council's Environmental Health Team has been advising local Community Centres and Public Houses about what they must do to ensure they have done everything practicable to keep their inflatables safe to use. The guidance below has also been placed on the Council's website.

BS EN 14960: 2013: Safe use of Inflatable play equipment and

HSE Guidance for all Inflatable Equipment including the air sealed devices can be found at: <http://www.hse.gov.uk/entertainment/fairgrounds/faqs.htm#inflatables>

Chatteris and surrounding villages Performance Report : July 2018	
<b>Food Safety Inspection Plan:</b>	
Number of food safety interventions completed	<b>2</b>
Number of Food Safety Warning Letters/ Notices sent	<b>0</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>1</b>
Number of Food Safety Premises whose score went DOWN	<b>0</b>
Number of Food Safety Premises whose score STAYED THE SAME	<b>1</b>
<b>Requests for Service</b>	
Total number of Requests for Service received in 2018/2019	<b>87</b>
Number of Requests for Service received in July 2018	<b>27</b>
Number responded to within 5 working days	<b>27</b>

## Streetscene

Performance – July 2018	
<b>Total number of hours out and about on patrol in the local community:</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>Number of cleansing inspections carried out:</b>	<b>15 Wenneye &amp; Mills</b>
<b>Percentage of cleansing inspections found to be of a suitable standard:</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Fly tipping

The total number of fly tipping instances recorded for June 2018 is 104. This, broken down into areas, is as follows:

- Chatteris 2
- March 11
- Whittlesey 4
- Wisbech 54
- Villages 33
- Total 104

The majority of the fly tipping was household related, with 61 instances. 8 were of green waste, 11 were vehicle related, and 9 electrical related.

## Enforcement actions this month

Our proactive enforcement patrols have been carried out in and around Fenland. In the period 1<sup>st</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> July, a total of 16 fixed penalty notices have been issued. This can be broken down as follows:

- March 3
- Whittlesey 1
- Wisbech 7

The 3 Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN's) issued in March were for littering from a vehicle.

We have issued 5 FPNs for parking in the March Market Place – 3 of these were for parking on market day: 2 appealed but were unsuccessful.

Due to staff recruitment within the Kingdom team 8 FPNs were issued. Recruitment and training has taken place and the team is now fully staffed.

The type of litter that has prompted the issue of an FPN comprises:

- Cigarette related 1
- PSPO alcohol related 6
- Spitting 1

All of these offences were committed by males with the majority (75%) below the age of 40.

Our officers have also taken action as follows:

- 2 verbal warnings were given regarding littering.
- 2 written warnings were sent out following household waste being deposited in litterbins in Chatteris.
- 1 business was informed that litter placed into a public litter bin is unacceptable.

#### **Abandoned and Nuisance Vehicles**

- 33 vehicles have been reported as being abandoned across Fenland in July, with just 1 of these being reported in Chatteris.
- 2 have been removed by an FDC contractor
- 29 vehicles needed no further action – these were mainly parking issues

#### **Other Street Scene Issues**

- Following the Summer Festival, Street Scene officers continued to assist with the clear up.
- Reports of the old Eastons shop having windows broken, led to an estate agent being contacted to alert the owners of the dangerous condition they have been left in.
- A faulty pop up electric box was repaired in Park Street.
- Several locations have been identified where hedges, brambles and trees are overhanging the footpath. A resident was visited regarding their hedge overhanging in Furrowfields Road, while a low hanging branch was removed whilst on site.
- Dog fouling signs have been replaced in the town.
- In the New Road cemetery, tree growth was obscuring signs – this was trimmed back prior to tree works being undertaken along the main roadway.

## Planning Enforcement

Performance	
Service Requests received in July 2018	3
Total number of Service Requests in 2018-19	8
Cases Closed this month	2 (5 in year to date)
Notices Served	0

With regard to the cases closed in one case the breach of planning control was remedied by the owner / occupier voluntarily and in the other case retrospective planning permission was granted to resolve the breach.

## Open Spaces

Grass cutting is largely on target throughout the town areas.

Shrub beds maintenance was not completed in July, but it is expected that Tivoli will catch up and complete by the end of August.

## Useful Contacts

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