



Chatteris Town Council Update

February 2019

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Street Pride and Community Groups

A New Year means planning for new projects, fundraising and promoting and Chatteris in Bloom / Street Pride have been doing just that.

The group held their first litter pick of the year on 5th January and a joint committee meeting on 16th.

The group's next quiz is 18th February - it is great to hear that the volunteers are finding different ways to promote themselves and that the community are behind the group by getting involved.

Environmental Health

Chatteris and surrounding villages Performance Report : January 2019	
Food Safety Inspection Plan:	
Number of food safety interventions completed	3
Number of Food Safety Warning Letters/ Notices sent	0
Number of Food Safety Advice letters sent	3
Food Hygiene Rating Scheme	
Number of Food Safety Premises whose score went UP	0
Number of Food Safety Premises whose score went DOWN	0
Number of Food Safety Premises whose score STAYED THE SAME	3
Requests for Service	
Total number of Requests for Service received in 2018/2019	190
Number of Requests for Service received in January 2019	21
Number responded to within 5 working days	21

Streetscene

Performance – (Month)	
Total number of hours out and about on patrol in the local community:	57hrs
Number of cleansing inspections carried out:	15 no. Slade Lode 5, Birch 5 & Rural (Manea) 5
Percentage of cleansing inspections found to be of a suitable standard:	100%

Tidy Fenland Campaign

It's great to hear that Chatteris will soon be coming on board with the Green Dog Walkers scheme. This will assist the community in the fight against dog related issues. In these cold months we have continued our patrols in all areas known to officers which are fed back to have reports of dog fouling. These include patrols which we are continuing across the town, particularly in Furrowfields Road open space.

Shortly we will be in touch to deliver the launch of the Green Dog Walkers as both the town council and community groups are in support. This is a great start to the year.

Fly tipping

The total number of fly tipping instances recorded for December 2018 is 161- this was an increase of 2 on the previous month.

This, broken down into areas, is as follows:

Chatteris –9

March – 10

Whittlesey – 11

Wisbech – 69

Villages – 62

Total – 161

Chatteris saw a 56% decrease on the previous month, while fly tipping in Wisbech increased by 40%. The majority of the fly tipping was household related. We have been out to 6 of the fly tipped sites in the town to look for evidence. The majority of the fly tipping was household related.

Enforcement actions this month (to 29 January)

- 3 Written warnings were issued regarding waste and Householders Duty of Care – 2 of these were in Chatteris.
- 4 Interviews under caution have been carried out, investigating fly tipping.
- 22 FPN's have been issued by Kingdom so far this month all in the Wisbech and Whittlesey areas.
- 16 were for cigarette related littering, 2 for other litter and 4 for spitting.
- Of the offenders, 91% were male and 40% were aged between 20-29.

During January 28 people were prosecuted at Peterborough Magistrates Court for littering offences. All were found guilty and fined on average a total of £446.50 (including costs)

Enforcement Service Contract

Following a joint procurement process with Peterborough City Council Kingdom Services has been appointed as Peterborough and Fenland's contracted enforcement partner. This follows the success of the pilot service which started in June 2017. The contract will continue to provide a cost neutral enforcement service to support the Council's environmental priorities.

Kingdom Services will provide routine enforcement officer patrols in all areas of Fenland, serving fixed penalty notices where environmental crime such as littering, dog fouling and breach of public space protection orders are witnessed.

Two uniformed officers will be available to patrol hot spot areas identified by the Council and through consultation with Town and Parish Councils and the community. Patrol hours will usually be from 9am to 5pm. This can be extended to cover early mornings and evenings upon request.

In addition 10% of officer time will be given in addition to patrol hours for other activities such as volunteering with community groups or patrolling in areas where environmental crimes are less frequent.

Community consultation will take place over the coming months to identify what each local community would like to see from this extra service. Please feedback any early thoughts about where this service could support Chatteris to your Streetscene Team or directly to Annabel Tighe; atighe@fenland.gov.uk

Other Street Scene issues

- 20 vehicles have been reported across Fenland as abandoned– 4 of these were in Chatteris. Investigations showed all 4 to be parking issues and needed no further action.
- Flyposting was found and removed in 5 locations.
- A deep pothole in New Road was reported to CCC Highways.
- 3 sunken graves were found in New Road cemetery and passed to Tivoli for reinstatement.
- A day burning street light in Furrowfields car park was passed to the Assets team for repair.
- The textile bank in Furrowfields Road was found to be full with several bags left beside. The bank owners were contacted for an urgent empty.
- Chatteris market has lost its Butchers stall due to staffing difficulties.
- Memorial safety inspections are continuing in New Road cemetery – any unstable memorials found will be made safe by placing wooden stakes to the rear and secured with banding, until the family can arrange repairs.
- A report was received of regular dog fouling in New Road on the frontage of a private property. Further signs to be erected and the site monitored during patrols.

Planning Enforcement

Performance	
Service Requests received in Jan 2019	2
Total number of Service Requests in 2018-19	26
Cases Closed this month	2 (25 in year to date)
Notices Served	0

With regard to the cases closed following investigation:

- In one case it was established that no breach of planning control has taken place.
- In one case it was established that it was likely that the development had been in place for so long it was immune from enforcement.

Open Spaces

The Tivoli winter work schedule is progressing well, with shrub beds and hard surfaces being the main focus of attention for our main contractors. In addition, preparations are taking place for the summer season, with the mowers undergoing servicing and other equipment ordered and in place for the start to the rounds in March.

Useful Contacts

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