



## Chatteris Town Council Update

October 2020

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### Street Pride and Community Groups

During September Chatteris In Bloom / Street Pride have been busy undertaking several activities.

September 5<sup>th</sup> saw Chatteris Street Pride hold the first litter pick since lockdown restrictions were eased. Those in attendance did not meet but a coordinated approach was taken so a few volunteers were out on the same day but each concentrating on a different part of the town.

Later in the month Chatteris In Bloom removed the hanging baskets from town.

Congratulations must also go to the group. Although the Anglia in Bloom competition was cancelled this year, a virtual campaign was organised. The group decided to enter a few of the categories and Chatteris won the 'Best Community Effort' for the floral beds created at Wenny Roundabout. The beds were designed to celebrate Captain Tom Moore, the NHS, Key Workers and VE Day.

A number of organisations contributed to the floral beds including Chatteris RBL Youth Section who worked on the VE Day bed.

### Environmental Health

Business support continues to be a priority for the service. Emphasis is to assist businesses to remain open and to be Covid compliant, helping them with the required written risk assessment and ensuring they have adequate controls in place to ensure safety not only for their staff but their customers too. Latest changes include licensed premises closing at 10pm, masks to be worn indoors by both customers and staff and mandatory

collection of customer details for track and trace purposes. Over the last 6 months Environmental Health Officers have assisted over 500 local businesses with advice on re-opening safely. Our webpages are regularly updated to sure that local businesses are getting the most up to date advice.

<b>Chatteris and surrounding villages Performance Report : September 2020</b>	
<b>Food Safety Inspection Plan:</b>	
Number of food safety interventions completed	<b>1</b>
Number of Food Safety Warning Letters/ Notices sent	<b>0</b>
Number of Food Safety Advice letters sent	<b>1</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>0</b>
<b>Requests for Service</b>	
Total number of Requests for Service received in 2020/2021	<b>245</b>
Number of Requests for Service received in September 2020	<b>20</b>
Number responded to within 5 working days	<b>20</b>

## Streetscene

<b>Performance</b>	
<b>Total number of hours out and about on patrol in the local community:</b>	<b>55hrs</b>
<b>Number of cleansing inspections carried out:</b>	<b>15. The Mills-5; Wenneye- 5; Birch-5.</b>

<p><b>Percentage of cleansing inspections found to be of a suitable standard:</b></p>	<p><b>100%</b></p>
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**Tidy Fenland – Promoting responsible dog ownership.**

As part of the Green Dog Walkers campaign we have continued to replenish the dog bag dispenser in Furrowfields. We have found that doing this little and often is best as there are a few people who are taking the bags just because they can rather than being used for its intended purpose.

Additional patrols have taken place along Horsegate Gardens and Furrowfields Road following feedback that this is an area which suffers. We have replenished signs and been out at varying times and will continue to have a presence here.

**Fly tipping**

The total number of fly tipping instances recorded for August 2020 is 107.

This, broken down into areas, is as follows:

Chatteris	6
March	10
Whittlesey	11
Wisbech	39
Villages	41
<b>Total</b>	<b>107</b>

The majority of the fly tipping was household related with 70 instances.

Offices try to attend as many of the fly tipped sites as they can.

Several commercial fridges were dumped in New Road. On inspection, details of a Peterborough based company were found in the accompanying waste. They have been written to and we are awaiting a response.

**Abandoned vehicles**

So far this month, 30 vehicles have been reported across the Fenland area, with 5 being removed by our contractor.

4 of the vehicles reported were in the Chatteris area, one of which had 'broken down' in Aldi's car park and another two were road legal and believed to be parking issues so required no further action from us. The 4<sup>th</sup> is untaxed with no insurance, in poor condition and has been issued with a 7-day notice. If it is still there following the notice period, we will arrange for its removal.

## Nuisance Vehicles

Monitoring continues of vehicles in Furrowfields Road car park. 41 notices were attached to windscreens of vehicles parked long term and breaching the terms and conditions of the car park, which state a maximum of 24 hours parking. All notices were removed by persons unknown overnight. Several of these vehicles have now been moved onto the public highway throughout the town. The vehicles have current tax and MOT, so are road legal, but are parked now illegally. This action has freed up the car park for its intended use and not as long-term car storage.

A vehicle in Burnsfield Street was reported as abandoned. On inspection it had 10 months tax, was road legal and in good condition. This was uncovered to be a neighbourhood parking issue which we helped to resolve.

## Street Scene issues

- A visit to The Elms showed a fly tipping report to be neighbour storing items in their front garden.
- Occupiers in a new development were leaving their bins at the top of their road, causing concern for an elderly resident. They were contacted and asked to store their bins at their own property until collection day and have agreed.
- Damaged and fading street name plates are to be replaced at Horsegate Gardens and Willey Terrace.
- A male has been reported to us for 'continually' throwing down his cigarette butts outside the post office in the High Street. We have spoken to the complainant and the accused and will monitor going forward with patrols, but the alleged culprit has not yet been seen offending.
- Greenery and brambles overhanging the pavement from a private property has been reported to Cambs. Highways for action and the resident spoken to.
- Cemetery inspections have shown a recent grave to have settled and sunk – details were forwarded to Tivoli for attention.

## Planning Enforcement

Performance	
Service Requests received in Sept 2020	8
Total number of Service Requests in 2020-21	21
Cases Closed this month	1 (10 in year to date)
Notices Served	0

Regarding the case that was closed; the occupier of the property undertook the necessary steps to tidy the site.

### **Open Spaces**

The effect of Covid-19 on the operation of the Open Spaces begins to lessen. All play areas have re-opened, though social distancing remains in place. Public, have, by and large, obeyed the rules although isolated instances of transgression and some vandalism have been reported. Play area inspections continue on a weekly basis. Should a second shutdown be required we have the steps in place to undertake this at short notice.

The grass cutting operation has continued uninterrupted with Tivoli continuing a very good start to the season and the constant mix of warm and wet weather has seen the parks and open spaces looking at their finest. Hedge cutting commenced at the start of July, continuing until October and praise for the quality of work to date has been received and appreciated. A number of tree works have been identified and will be undertaken through the contractor at the earliest opportunity.

The certificate for Chatteris, from Anglia In Bloom, which gave a "Highly Commended" award for Sustainable Planting has been well received and bears testimony to the thought and planning of all involved.

In the town, the following took place:

- St Peters – car park and shrub bed cleared
- Queensway – fence line
- South Fens – Tree down
- Huntingdon Rd playing field – perimeter clear
- Marritts Close – temporary assistance for displaced residents following fire
- St Peters – seeding to rear grassed area

Large perimeter clearance and tree work in Wenny Rec is scheduled for next month along with fence post repairs. The zip wire in the play area has been temporarily closed due to wear and tear whilst new parts are awaited.

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