



## Chatteris Town Council Update

November 2018

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### Street Pride and Community Groups

On 4<sup>th</sup> October, a record number of 112 volunteers and local partners attended the annual Street Pride Celebration Evening. The Council appreciates and values the ongoing work of all its volunteers and this event is our way of saying 'thanks'. Representatives from In Bloom and friends groups also attended which reflects the increasing partnership work between them all.

Each group received a certificate of thanks in appreciation of their continuing efforts over the past year to improve their local street scene and open spaces.

Special certificates were also awarded for a number of projects. Chatteris Street Pride/In Bloom won the Best Youth Project for an eye-catching bus shelter mural marking 100 years since the end of the First World War working in partnership with youth members of Chatteris Royal British Legion.

### Environmental Health

In October, the Environmental Health Team hosted a business forum featuring a series of presentations from staff and outside the Council, such as Public Health England and Trading Standards. The forum was aimed at providing advice and guidance to businesses. Speakers gave presentations on topics such as the dangers of Listeria in food and also allergen information. Both topics have been in the news recently with an outbreak of Listeria linked to sweetcorn and a prosecution of business that failed to comply with allergen laws causing the death of a customer. The event was a success and received good feedback from the businesses that attended.

**Chatteris and surrounding villages  
Performance Report : October 2018**

<b>Food Safety Inspection Plan:</b>	
Number of food safety interventions completed	<b>3</b>
Number of Food Safety Warning Letters/ Notices sent	<b>0</b>
Number of Food Safety Advice letters sent	<b>3</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>0</b>
Number of Food Safety Premises whose score STAYED THE SAME	<b>3</b>
<b>Requests for Service</b>	
Total number of Requests for Service received in 2018/2019	<b>139</b>
Number of Requests for Service received in September 2018	<b>17</b>
Number responded to within 5 working days	<b>17</b>

## Streetscene

Performance	
<b>Total number of hours out and about on patrol in the local community:</b>	<b>71hrs</b>
<b>Number of cleansing inspections carried out:</b>	<b>15 no. Slade Lode &amp; Birch wards.</b>
<b>Percentage of cleansing inspections found to be of a suitable standard:</b>	<b>100%</b>

### **Green Dog Walking Campaign**

The Green Dog Walkers Campaign is an initiative set up by the community in partnership with Falkirk Council and has been active nationally for 9 years. An additional 35 other Local Authorities across the UK have adopted the scheme as it offers a proven non-confrontational and friendly way to change attitudes about dog fouling and encourages responsible dog ownership. Most importantly the scheme acts as a reminder to others that they need to pick up after their dog has fouled and to keep them under control.

Green Dog Walkers sign a pledge to:

- always clean up after their dog;
- dispose of the bag responsibly;
- carry extra dog waste bags;
- gladly give a bag to those without one; and
- Be a friendly reminder to other dog walkers to clean up after their dogs.

With winter months approaching, the campaign has been running in Wimblington for the last few months and they have now grown a small number of volunteers.

September saw the purchase of the Green Dog Walkers Licence from Falkirk Council. This means that the branding and art work can now be used freely. It can also be adapted to suit the community group who wish to use it, so that it can be personalised to them. Groups can decide to use arm bands, dog tags or pin badges to promote themselves to other dog walkers.

It will be a huge driving factor if we have community representatives like in Wimblington and Whittlesey willing to champion the campaign. We hope a launch for the campaign can be delivered in more of Fenland's towns and villages. The campaign message compliments the prevention and intervention work within the community and will build up useful intelligence for any enforcement work and help Street Scene Officers support the community in delivering the message and be their point of contact. With the winter months approaching ways to reduce the usual spike in reported dog fouling as a preventative measure is our focus. Information will also be taken on the day to assist Kingdom and Street Scene to carry out enforcement patrols.

### **Fly tipping**

The total number of fly tipping instances recorded for September 2018 is 140. This, broken down into areas, is as follows:

- Chatteris – 2
- March – 20
- Whittlesey – 14
- Wisbech – 58
- Villages – 46

- Total – 140

The majority of the fly tipping was household related, with 87 instances. 25 were vehicle related, 8 were of green waste, and 8 commercial.

### Enforcement actions this month

11 people have been found guilty of littering at Peterborough Magistrates court on the 16<sup>th</sup> October. They were each fined a total of £400.

### Other Street Scene Issues

- 20 vehicles have been reported as being abandoned across Fenland in October, with 5 of these being located in Chatteris.
- 15 further nuisance vehicles have been investigated - these were mainly parking issues, untaxed vehicles and no MOT.
- Full and contaminated paper recycling banks in Furrowfields car park were passed to contractors for emptying.
- 2 street light faults were reported in West Street & Eastwood.
- Litter and dog fouling signs were put up/replaced in several locations.
- Tree grids and damaged block paving in Park Street were passed to colleagues for repairs.
- 12 posters were removed from the town and surrounding area.

### Planning Enforcement

Performance	
Service Requests received in October 2018	1
Total number of Service Requests in 2018-19	19
Cases Closed this month	3 (17 in year to date)
Notices Served	0

In relation to the 3 cases closed, in two cases no breach was found to have taken place and in the third the breach had been resolved voluntarily by the occupier.

### Open Spaces

Tivoli are now coming to the end of the summer maintenance schedule, with the final grass cuts being completed this week after what has been a testing grass maintenance season.

Gangs are now mid-hedge cutting round, with the shrub bed maintenance due to restart in November. The remainder of the summer bedding is now removed and the areas are being prepared and put to bed for the winter.

## Useful Contacts

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