



Report of:	To:	Date
Councillor Simon Bridge, Street Scene, Parks and Open Spaces Portfolio Holder	Council	14 April 2022

Executive Report: Street Scene, Parks and Open Spaces Portfolio Holder

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1** To inform council of progress on key objectives and the current position on issues within the Street Scene, Parks and Open Spaces Portfolio as set out below.

2. Parks and open spaces

- 2.1** Information days were held in February at Marsh Mill and the YMCA Thornton regarding the King Georges Playing Field Project taking place this summer. A partnership between the Wyre Rivers Trust and Wyre Council is working to make space for water, improve public access around the fields and improve drainage for the pitches whilst improving the area for wildlife and landscape. The information days were successful with really useful feedback received from the users of the playing field attending the two events.
- 2.2** The Public Realm team have undertaken tree planting across various open spaces within the borough and a new orchard has been created in Garstang. The event was attended by local residents and the Mayors of both Wyre and Garstang. To help the Soroptomists, (a volunteer group for women who work for peace) celebrate their 100 year anniversary the team assisted them to plant a new hedgerow.
- 2.3** Activities within our parks and open spaces have included two Ecology for all workshops bringing in visitors from the north west to learn more about invertebrates. The Wyre Estuary Country Park outdoor classroom, meadows and woodlands make a great place for people to study nature in detail. The experts are volunteers from the Royal Society for Biology and the Diptera Society.

- 2.4** In addition we held a sow and grow workshop at the Mount with the gardening club, a Walking Wyre walk at Wyre Estuary Country Park and Stanah Squirrels Wildlife watch club for youngsters who were looking for signs of spring.
- 2.5** Working with the Bay team, we have started a programme of engagement activities on the coast making use of Rossall Point Tower to invite visitors and local people to find out more about our coastal environment. Activities have included bird walks, Beach Bingo Scavenger Hunt, Whale Celebration Sand Sculpting and a Tour of the Tower (Rossall Point Tower). All events are designed to reduce isolation and increase awareness of the coast as a great place for health and wellbeing.
- 2.6** A memorial board has been installed at the Mount to commemorate the tremendous impact the late Mrs Loftouse had on the town and is situated within the Mary Hope Garden, recently renovated thanks to one of Mrs Lofthouse's generous, personal donations. There was a small unveiling ceremony in January with close members of her family.

3. Street scene

- 3.1** The contract with District Enforcement to undertake environmental enforcement across Wyre has recently been extended.
- 3.2** In addition the council will be launching a revised communications plan and the installation of new signs to help educate people regarding the issues related to environmental crime and in particular dog fouling.
- 3.3** The information below relates to the number of Fixed Penalty Notices issued in Quarter 3.
- 3.4** Although the number of dog related FPN's appear low, the number of FPN's are expected to go up as daylight hours increase. (Dog offences attract an element of seasonality.)

FPN's for Littering and Dog Related PSPO Offences September - December 2021	FPN's
Littering Offence	306
Littering - Bag containing Dog Faeces	0
PSPO-Dog Bags	0
PSPO-Dog Fouling	0
PSPO-Dogs Exclusion Zones	2
PSPO-Dogs on Lead by Direction (refused)	0
PSPO-Dogs on Leads (off lead in on-lead area)	1
PSPO-Maximum Number of Dogs (exceeded)	0
PSPO-Dog Bags (not carrying)	0
Total for the period	309

3.5 The following information relates to the amount of time Enforcement Officers have spent patrolling the Borough in an effort to combat Environmental Crime.

3.6 The patrol time officers spend in each area of the borough is determined by a mixture of “hot spots”, which are collated as a direct result of the number of individual complaints the council receives, and local intelligence provided by council officers.

PATROL HOURS BY WARD		
Ward	Hours Count	Percentage
Carleton	35:57	2.46%
Cleveleys Park	10:14	0.70
Garstang	22:51	1.56%
Great Eccleston	92:14	6.32%
Hambleton & Stalmine	0:07	0.01%
Jubilee	319:50	21.90%
Marsh Mill	81:17	5.57%
Mount	31:21	2.15%
Park	21:43	1.49%
Pharos Ward	294:29	20.17%
Pheasants wood	13:17	0.91%
Pilling	0:06	0.01%
Preesall	9:58	0.68%
Rossall	30:51	2.11%
Stanah	31:07	2.13%
Tithebarn	310:57	21.30%
Victoria & Norcross	97:11	6.66%
Warren Ward	56:00	3.84%
Wyresdale	0:41	0.05%

4. Comments and questions

4.1 In accordance with procedure rule 11.3 any member of council will be able to ask me a question or make a comment on the contents of my report or on any issue, which falls within my area of responsibility. I will respond to any such questions or comments in accordance with procedure rule 11.5.