



Report of:	To:	Date
Councillor Simon Bridge, Street Scene, Parks and Open Spaces Portfolio Holder	Council	7 July 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** This spring volunteers from Wyre Council and the Wyre Rivers Trust have been making brush bundles by recycling the arising's from our winter woodland management programme. The bundles are used to help with habitat management and natural flood management in the upper catchment of the river Wyre.
- 2.2** The Wyre volunteer rangers have completed the construction of a section of boardwalk on the sand dunes at Fleetwood near to Rossall Point Tower. This is part of the Lancashire Living Seas Trail which is being developed from the Boating Lake to Larkholme Grasslands. Also installed are wooden carved monoliths which depict marine wildlife to be found in Morecambe Bay and the Irish sea around Fleetwood.
- 2.3** The Wyre Great Outdoors programme of activities within our parks and open spaces have included the weekly Wellbeing walks from Garstang and Fleetwood, weekly gardening clubs at The Mount and Memorial Park, Big Beach cleans, Sow and Grow your own sweetcorn workshop at the Mount, Social cycling from Fleetwood, Wyre Estuary Country Park and Hambleton and Marine Life Sand Sculptures on the beach.
- 2.4** A Dune Monitoring conservation day took place led by the Dynamic Dunescapes engagement officer at Fleetwood beach. They successfully trained up local volunteers, rangers and partners to use digital technology, practice observation skills and identify the key features of sand dune habitats to undertake citizen science which will help monitor the changing morphology and wildlife of the dunes.

3. Street Scene

3.1 The seasonal “dog ban” on our bathing beaches at Fleetwood and Cleveleys has been reintroduced on 1 May 2022 and remains in-place until 30 September 2022.

3.2 Prior to the commencement of enforcement activity, for a period of two weeks, dog walkers using the beaches were issued with leaflets to remind them of the ban and the wider dog related PSPO’s (Public Space Protection Orders).

3.3 The tables below relate to the amount of time officers have spent patrolling the various wards to combat environmental crime and the total number of Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) issued during Quarter 4 (January – March 2022). Patrol time 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 and general public.

3.4

Patrol Hours by Ward	Hours Count	Percentage
Breck	9:43	0.98%
Carleton	40:04	4.04%
Cleveleys Park	3:53	0.39%
Garstang	13:32	1.36%
Great Eccleston	53:46	5.40%
Hambleton & Stalmine	1:48	0.18%
Jubilee	173:37	17.43%
Marsh Mill	24:08	2.42%
Mount	17:17	1.73%
Park	8:40	0.87%
Pharos Ward	145:20	14.59%
Pheasants wood	5:12	0.52%
Pilling	0:00	0.00%
Preesall	0:00	0.00%
Rossall	10:10	1.03%
Stanah	16:05	1.61%
Tithebarn	151:19	15.19%
Victoria & Norcross	127:43	12.82%
Warren Ward	22:51	2.29%
Wyresdale	112:56	11.34%

3.5

FPN's for Littering & Dog Related PSPO Offences January - March 2022	FPN's
Littering Offence	348
Littering - Bag containing Dog Faeces	0
PSPO-Dog Fouling	0
PSPO-Dogs Exclusion Zones	1
PSPO-Dogs on Lead by Direction (refused)	0
PSPO-Dogs on Leads (off lead in on-lead area)	2
PSPO-Maximum Number of Dogs (exceeded)	0
PSPO-Dog Bags (not carrying)	0

3.6 Currently the number of dog related FPN's remain low and this will be closely monitored over the next quarter.

3.7 Over recent months our in-house Environmental Enforcement Team have investigated and taken action against four individuals for flytipping offences in various locations across the Borough.

4. Public Conveniences

4.1 We were successful with our Changing Places bid and have been allocated a grant of £128,000 from the DLUHC Changing Places fund. This will contribute towards the cost of two schemes, providing two disability changing and showering facilities, which are due to be delivered over the next two years with the support of a £10,000 grant from Fleetwood Town Council.

5. Comments and questions

5.1 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.