



Report of:	To:	Date
Councillor Simon Bridge, Street Scene, Parks and Open Spaces Portfolio Holder	Council	27 October 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** Wyre took part in in the Great Big Green Week – a national celebration of community action tackling climate change and nature loss with a week of displays, walks and activities around the borough.
- 2.2** On 1 October Garstang Fairtrade hosted a Climate Day at a local church hall and invited RSPB and Cosy Homes to attend along with Wyre Council and the Fairtrade team. Wyre Council promoted recycling, good things to do to help with Climate Change and how to get involved with caring for Wyre`s wildlife, landscape and volunteering opportunities.
- 2.3** On the day customers were able to take part in creating recycled paper pots, sowing wildflower seeds and taking part in games with a focus on recycling and climate change. It was a great opportunity to promote and celebrate local people making a positive difference for the planet.
- 2.4** The council promoted a successful 11 day programme of Heritage Open Day Events last month which included Heritage Walks at various sites across the borough and open days were held at Marine Hall, Rossall Point Tower and Marsh Mill and Lower Lighthouse hosted by the Civic society, NCI, Wyre volunteers and Wyre staff.
- 2.5** A special event this year was an archaeological dig hosted by the Wyre Archaeology Society and a local resident with support from the Wyre Coast and Countryside volunteers, where the archaeologists were investigating the history of the Old Port of Wardleys. Many people

attended these events and learned fascinating facts about Wyre`s historical and natural heritage.

- 2.6** Wyre volunteers have helped to create ash and willow bundles to be used in up-stream river catchment interventions to help reduce flooding. The Rangers and volunteers undertook meadow scything training at Branksome Avenue and Larkholme Grasslands where they carried out meadow management using scythes on biodiverse grasslands which were cut and raked off. The green hay has been used to help donate wildflower seeds to the Wyre Estuary Country Park grasslands.
- 2.7** Volunteer work parties have undertaken a programme of improvements to a popular short route from Garstang which links with the Wyre Way, the Garstang Millennium Green and the Garstang Riverside Picnic area. New kissing gates have been installed and steps have been improved.
- 2.8** The Custom House Square scheme in Fleetwood has been completed with the design, incorporating the existing trees, new lighting, seating and planting, creating an area of quality public realm to hold occasional small events and provide better connectivity between the car park, the market and the Museum.
- 2.9** The project attracted funding from the High Streets Heritage Action Zone Grant which aims to fuel the economic, social and cultural recovery of a select number of high streets in the country and is supported by 'Historic England'.

3. Street Scene

- 3.1** The seasonal "dog ban" on the Fleetwood and Cleveleys bathing beaches ceased on 30 September 2022 but enforcement activity remains on other areas of the seafront.
- 3.2** The matrices below relate to the amount of time officers have spent patrolling the various wards (3.3) to combat Environmental Crime and the total number of Fixed Penalty Notices issued during Quarter 2 (July – September 2022) (3.4), with patrol time being 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 the general public.

3.3

Patrol Hours by Ward	Hours Count	Percentage
Bourne	07:23	0.56%
Breck	16:43	1.26%
Brock with Catterall	60:10	4.51%
Calder	01:49	0.14%
Carleton	02:42	0.20%
Cleveleys Park	10:20	0.75%
Garstang	41:16	3.10%
Great Eccleston	20:53	1.57%
Hambleton & Stalmine	00:47	0.06%
Hardhorn with Highcross	02:32	0.19%
Jubilee	411:10	30.91%
Marsh Mill	21:39	1.63%
Mount	50:28	3.80%
Park	12:05	0.91%
Pharos Ward	151:12	11.37%
Pheasants wood	04:00	0.30%
Pilling	14:26	1.09%
Preesall	358:28	26.96%
Rossall	10:23	0.78%
Stanah	28:40	2.16%
Tithebarn	10:30	0.79%
Victoria & Norcross	73:21	5.52%
Warren Ward	18:34	1.40%
Wyresdale	00:39	0.05%
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3.4

FPN's for Littering & Dog Related PSPO Offences July - September 2022	FPN's
Littering Offence	411
Littering - Bag containing Dog Faeces	0
PSPO-Dog Bags (not carrying)	0
PSPO-Dog Fouling	1
PSPO-Dogs Exclusion Zones	64
PSPO-Dogs on Lead by Direction (refused)	3
PSPO-Dogs on Leads (off lead in on-lead area)	37
PSPO-Maximum Number of Dogs (exceeded)	5

3.5 Although the number of dog fouling related FPN's remain low, increased patrolling appears to have seen an increase in dog related offences being addressed.

3.6 The number of Dog Fouling complaints along with the number of dog owners not having the means to pick up after their dog have both reduced in the same period for the previous year.

3.7 Over this quartile the in-house Environmental Enforcement Team have investigated and undertaken Enforcement Action against two individuals for flytipping offences at separate locations across the Borough.

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.