

Report of:	To:	Date
Councillor Simon Bridge, Street Scene, Parks and Open Spaces Portfolio Holder	Council	3 October 2019

<p><b>Executive Report: Street Scene, Parks and Open Spaces Portfolio Holder</b></p>
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**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** Poulton's Vicarage Park, Hawthorne Park and Wyre Estuary Country Park in Thornton, and Memorial Park in Fleetwood were once again awarded a Green Flag Award this year. A celebratory lunch was held on the 16 July to recognise and thank the hard work of the teams and volunteer groups who make this possible.
- 2.2** During National Love Parks week our sites were promoted on social media and activities held to encourage everyone to get out and enjoy their favourite park.
- 2.3** A Love Exploring mobile app, funded by The National Lottery Heritage Fund, is now available for Memorial Park in Fleetwood. Launched in August the app provides a modern way to find out about the park's history, ecology and unknown facts through guided tours and quizzes. There is also an interactive map to discover walking trails, key features and much more.
- 2.4** Conservation specialists, Rosslee Construction Ltd have been appointed to undertake the restoration work of The Mount Grounds and buildings and began their site establishment work in September.
- 2.5** The relocation of the substation by Electricity North West is due to be completed shortly following the extensive installation of earthing rods. Landscaping and boundary treatments to finish off the area surrounding the new substation will be completed by Rosslee during their works contract.
- 2.6** Memorial Park was host to activities this summer which included the popular 'Cat in the Hat' outdoor theatre productions, craft sessions, a circus school and forest school sessions.

### **3. Waste and recycling**

- 3.1** The last green waste collections prior to the annual service suspension over the winter period will take place during the weeks commencing 2 and 9 December (dependant on the cycle of collections) and will start again in the weeks commencing 13 and 20 January (depending on the cycle of collections).
- 3.2** Annual Service calendars will be distributed throughout November and into December detailing the suspension and changes to collection days over the festive period. It should be noted that the calendars will also promote a couple of forthcoming changes to the service; bins will need to be presented ready for collection from 07.00 am and we are now able to collect additional plastic recycling including pots, tubs and trays. This commenced on 1 October.

### **4. Street Scene**

- 4.1** The large replacement road sweeper, Meryl Sweep as named by the public, is now operational. It has improved environmental credentials with built in operational and fuel efficiency.
- 4.2** The 'Love Where You Live, Beautiful Back Alley' project has selected three alleys in Fleetwood to work with residents and other stakeholder groups to transform these spaces and generate positive ownership of the alleys; to provide greater care for them and bring together neighbours. I would urge ward Councillors to get involved and support the projects where possible.
- 4.3** The North West in Bloom Awards and National judging for Garstang and Catterall showcased many areas of the borough at their best. The Cleaner and Greener Project Officer who has worked with the 'In Bloom' groups and judges observed a positive reaction to the floral displays and shared the wonderful photos on social media for everyone to enjoy. I wish all the participating groups the best of luck at the ceremony later this month.
- 4.4** Officers have developed a new range of anti-littering posters to be used across the borough, with the initial launch held in Fleetwood Market.
- 4.5** The pilot Environmental Enforcement project continues, and in the third quarter of operations (May - July) the statistics were:
- Total Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN) issued: 1,378.
  - 1,218 for depositing litter.
  - 160 for Public Space Protection Order dog offences (45 of which for fouling).
  - 5 Cancelled.
  - 111 Formal Representations received, with 91 declined and 20 accepted.
  - Income for this quarter: £12,296.25.

Over the first three quarters, 535 cases have progressed to prosecution stage; of which :

- Guilty in absence = 223
- Guilty by post = 13
- Awaiting case result = 301

FPN issued by area Qtr 3:

Area	total Qtr 3	%
Bilsborrow	4	<1
Fleetwood	375	27
Garstang	89	6
Poulton-le-Fylde & Carleton	53	4
Preesall & Knott End	5	<1
Thornton-Cleveleys	780	57
Forton	63	5
Nateby	2	<1
St Michaels on Wyre	1	<1
Great Eccleston	1	<1
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\*does not include the 5 cancelled, all issued in Thornton - Cleveleys

Officer Hours Patrolled by Area Qtr 3

	total Qtr 3	%
Poulton-le-Fylde & Carleton	189	5
Thornton -Cleveleys	722	20
Fleetwood	584	16
Garstang	169	5
Hambleton	3	<1
Preesall & Knott End	40	1
Pilling	3	<1
Winmarleigh	3	<1
Out Rawcliffe	3	<1
Great Eccleston	9	<1
St Michael's on Wyre	5	<1
Churchtown	3	<1
Nateby	9	<1
Inskip	3	<1
Forton	27	1
Dolphinholme	3	<1
Scorton	2	<1
Calder Vale, Bleasdale, Bonds, Bowgreave, Catterall	8	<1
Claughton	3	<1
Bilsborrow	14	0
	1802	

## **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.