

Report of:	To:	Date
Councillor Simon Bridge, Street Scene, Parks and Open Spaces Portfolio Holder	Council	9 January 2020

**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** I am pleased to advise members that work continues to progress well at the Mount with the Investment Manager from National Lottery Heritage Fund paying a visit during November to assess progress and they were delighted with the project.
- 2.2** A behind the scenes tour for Fleetwood councillors, project partners and the press was held in December and to maintain engagement further tours are planned this year.
- 2.3** As the poet Wilfred Owen was based in Fleetwood from June to December 1916 and in charge of the shooting range near the seafront, an exhibition with poetry and craft workshops was held at Memorial Park in November to highlight his link with the town. Other activities during the latter end of 2019 included bulb planting, wreath workshops and a 'Pharos Project' session for Flakefleet Primary School which focussed on Remembrance and the park's heritage as a First World War memorial.
- 2.4** During National Tree Week fifteen English oak trees were planted at the Civic Centre grounds with the assistance of volunteers. This marked the start of the winter tree planting season and a programme of delivery at sites across the borough.
- 2.5** The 2020 Wyre Great Outdoors Programme is now available. This is the Council's programme of outdoor activities across Wyre including our parks. The programme has over 600 activities promoted within it, which take place at many sites around the borough many of which are led by volunteers as well as staff, community and partner organisations. The aim of the programme is to enable residents and visitors to be able to

take part in healthy outdoor activity and to be involved in the sustainable management of our coast, parks and countryside through conservation volunteering activities.

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

**3.1** I am pleased to report that our waste and recycling service was once again shortlisted as being one of the best performing services nationally. I am sure you will join me in congratulating all the team, recognising in particular the hard work in the lead up to Christmas to minimise disruption to households where possible.

### **4. Street Scene**

**4.1** Once again our public toilets have achieved recognition in the annual Loo of the Year Awards held in early December. In conjunction with our partners Danfo we have maintained high standards for the service provided.

**4.2** A 'bin the butt' promotions campaign will be undertaken in the next few months to raise awareness of cigarette litter and in particular the impact it has on watercourses and the sea.

**4.3** Cleveleys Rotary Club and District Enforcement have agreed to sponsor a bin for green seas. This is part of a national campaign by the Green Seas Trust to address litter, in particular plastic litter, in our oceans and the impact it has on marine life and human health. The bin will be located on Cleveleys promenade.

### **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.