



Cambridge City Council
West Central Area Committee

Date: Thursday, 10 March 2022

Time: 6.30 pm

Venue: Virtual Meeting

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Agenda

- 1 Welcome, Introduction and Apologies for Absence
- 2 Declarations of Interest
- 3 Notes of last meeting (Pages 3 - 8)

Items for Discussion

- 4 Open Forum
- 5 Green bin collections
- 6 WCAC Area Committee Grants 2022-23 (Pages 9 - 18)
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City Councillors: Gehring (Chair), Porrer (Vice-Chair), S. Baigent, Bick, Gilderdale, Nethsingha, Payne, S. Smith and Sweeney

County Councillors: Gay, Nethsingha and Rae

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WEST CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE

25 November 2021

6.30 - 8.45 pm

Present

Area Committee Members: Councillors Gehring (Chair), Porrer (Vice-Chair), S. Baigent, Bick, Nethsingha, Payne, S. Smith, Gay, Nethsingha and Rae

Officers:

Joel Carre-Head of Environmental Services

Jon Dixon and Jenny Nuttycombe-Greater Cambridge Planning Service

Sarah Steggles-Community Safety team

Gary Clift-Committee Manager

Other Officers in Attendance:

Greater Cambridge Partnership-Peter Blake and Sarah Prentice

Police Sergeant: Kevin Mišík

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COUNCIL

21/26/WAC Welcome, Introduction and Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Gilderdale.

21/27/WAC Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made.

21/28/WAC Notes of last meeting

The notes of the meeting held on 9 September 2021 were noted.

21/29/WAC Matters and Actions Arising From the Notes

21/14/WAC-Open Forum-Insurance for residents groups

Cllr Porrer advised the committee there was not a straightforward solution unfortunately and having investigated sufficiently it should be closed as an action.

21/30/WAC Open Forum

Members of the public asked a number of questions, as set out below.

1. How Fitzroy and Burleigh Street cycling and e-scooter use can be better controlled as people seemed to ignore the instruction that it is pedestrian only 10-4 Monday to Saturday. Also that some people did not understand what the signage prohibiting use during that time meant.

Councillor Bick said in the longer term how those two streets are used were to be included in a city centre access strategy. It was the intention that this would better reflect the mixed use and requirement of these two thoroughfares.

In the immediate term the only solutions could be enforcement by the Police (who were at the meeting and may respond to the points made) and a review of the signage by council officers.

Action: Head of Environmental Services (signage)

2. Re. the footpath at Skater's Meadow. Councillors had been circulated advice the member of the public had received from the Rambler's Association and the Open Spaces Society. The committee was asked that in support of the City Council's Sustainable Transport Policy, will the committee and the City Council now actively support Cambridgeshire County Council Highways in implementing the original plan of County Council Officers:- to install key-operated bollards to prevent unauthorised motor vehicles driving on the footpath, to ensure the safety of pedestrian and cyclists using the footpath?

Councillor Nethsingha stated that she had been personally trying to resolve this matter since it was raised in the summer and agreed it was unsatisfactory, although noting that the the footpath was not unusable. Establishing land ownership was being pursued by the authorities to enable the County Council to pursue a course of action as there existed no chance of agreement amongst residents in the local area how to resolve the issue.

Councillor Gehring stated that he would send the information circulated from the Ramblers and Open Space Society to the County Council.

Action Cllr Gehring

3. Whether the bike racks moved from Bridge Street at the start of lockdown would be replaced. The Head of Environmental Services advised that 3 Sheffield Stands near Fitzbillies were removed. This was to permit easier movement of pedestrians. Overall more cycle parking has been added in the last year, but for these 3, there were no plans to re-instate.
4. Why there appears to be a total absence of policing and driver education on Maids Causeway despite this continual and flagrant law-breaking; what concrete steps the committee proposes to take in conjunction with the Police, City Council, County Council and local bus operators in order to remedy this nuisance; to confirm that the committee will ensure that the proposals of the Greater Cambridge Partnership are not likely to increase this nuisance (for example by virtue of an increased number of speeding buses); whether the proposals of the Greater Cambridge Partnership provide an opportunity for a radical redesign of Maids Causeway, to the benefit of residents, pedestrians and cyclists alike, for example with fully-segregated cycleways and increased green space as is proposed for sections of Newmarket Road.

Councillors Porrer and Bick replied. Anti social driving either car or motorbike was on the increase across the city. A trial of mobile 20mph flash signs are going to be deployed along Maids Causeway with help from the County Council. Local councillors were also investigating whether the council could deploy a mobile noise camera which would assist the police in gathering evidence to prosecute owners. This approach was being used successfully in a couple of London boroughs. Regarding Greater Cambridge Partnership's plans for Maid's Causeway, it was noted that this had been on a long list of potential schemes (to stop the cut through/rat running to Mitcham's Corner rather than via Elizabeth Way). Cllr Bick would investigate where this scheme had got to in the overall GCP programme development and report back.

Action Cllr Bick

5. Skateboarding is a hugely popular sport in Cambridge, but our facilities are not winter-appropriate. The installation of lights and CCTV would result in far more people using these facilities, reduce anti-social behaviour, and promote physical and mental wellbeing for Cambridge's young people. Our recent Light Sessions at Trumpington skatepark demonstrate the community's demand for this - around 50 skaters

attended and provided portable lights to make the park skateable. In both Jesus Green and Trumpington skatepark we see lighting on sports facilities neighbouring the skatepark. Skating deserves the same support.

The Head of Environmental Services undertook to contact camskate. Sgt Misik and Cllr Bick supported the proposal, noting that hours of operation, type of lighting would need to be sensitive to the neighbouring community and consulting local residents and ward councillors would be important.

Action: Head of Environmental Services

21/31/WAC Policing and Safer Neighbourhoods

Sgt Misik introduced the report. He picked up the earlier conversation raised in the open forum regarding Fitzroy and Burleigh streets and would add it to the local lists of concern, but highlighted that the signage could also be looked at.

Councillors raised concerns about e-scooters on open spaces, Christs Pieces, Parkers Piece. These issues are now being regularly raised by residents. Sgt Misik referred Cllrs to contact Voi to geo-fencing areas (speed control in designated parts of the city) for the remainder of the trial period.

Councillors requested that the police consider retaining anti-social driving, including e-scooters and e-bikes as a police priority. The other current areas of concern remain important as detailed in the police report.

Sgt Misik undertook to liaise with the city council officers on the evidence gathered on the use of Voi scooters so that the Combined Authority received co-ordinated feedback on the trial.

Action: Head of Environmental Services/Sgt Misik

21/32/WAC Making Connections: Have Your Say on Greener Travel in Greater Cambridge Consultation - WCAC

The committee welcomed the presentation from the officers and encouraged the public to participate in the current consultation.

21/33/WAC Greater Cambridge Local Plan – consultation

The committee received a presentation on the latest local plan consultation.

A member of the public asked: The Cambridge Assessment Site by Parker's Piece/Hills Road currently sits unused. I registered the site as being suitable for a new large concert hall for Cambridge, something that the City Council's Architect formally proposed in 1966 following confirmation by Sir Ivor Jennings QC in a speech in 1962 that the University would stump up 50% of the cost. The site is recommended for removal from the local plan. This is contrary to the commitment in your Indoor Leisure Facilities Strategy 2015-31 which says Cambridge needs a new large concert hall. The existing local plan has no clear site allocated for a concert hall. How do we go about getting this removal struck out? Who in The University is the decision maker who needs to be lobbied.

The planning officer advised that the area was designated for employment use in the adopted local plan. That site is not likely to come forward from the landowner for such cultural use. The council will continue to pursue cultural aspects of its planning policy, the well-being topic paper covers this in the current consultation.

The committee welcomed the current consultation and thanked the officers for their presentation.

21/34/WAC Oral update on City Centre Recovery-Head of Environmental Services

The committee noted that the update report from the head of environmental services had been circulated to all area committees this meeting cycle.

The committee thanked the officer for the update.

The meeting ended at 8.45 pm

CHAIR

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Item

AREA COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANTS

To: West Central Area Committee – 10th March 2022
Report by: Jackie Hanson, Community Funding and Development Manager
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Wards affected: Castle, Market, Newnham

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report details applications received for 2022-2023 funding for projects in the West Central area and makes recommendations for awards. As Area Committees are meeting virtually and therefore cannot make decisions, the committee will comment on the applications and the decisions on grant awards will be made by officers after the meeting, taking into account the committee's view.
- 1.2 The report provides information on the eligibility and funding criteria and the opportunity offered for Platinum Jubilee grants for local celebrations.

2. Recommendations

The West Central Area Committee Councillors are recommended to:

- 2.1 Comment on the grant applications received and awards proposed for West Central Area Committee grants detailed in Appendix 1, in line with the Area Committee Community Grants criteria detailed in paragraph 3.4.
- 2.2 Comment on the Platinum Jubilee grant applications received for activities in the west central area and awards proposed detailed in Appendix 2.

2.3 Comment on award proposals to enable officers to make decisions on the grant awards.

3. Background

3.1 Funding has been devolved to Area Committees for local projects meeting the Community Development, Sports and Arts strategic priorities since 2004. This process is managed by the Grants Team in Community Services who promote the funding and bring applications for consideration to one meeting of each of the area committees annually.

3.2 The 2022-23 grants were publicised via neighbourhood workers, voluntary organisations, in local publications and by posters and publicity leaflets. Recent applicants were also invited to apply. Officers held a webinar briefing to explain the application process and eligibility criteria and priorities.

3.3 There is a total of £70,000 available across the four area committees for 2022-23 as detailed in the Community Grants report to Environment and Community Scrutiny Committee 27th January 2022. The approved population and poverty formula calculation is set out in Appendix 2. The amount available for each area is as follows:

Committee	Community Grants %	Total available £
North	34.29%	£24,003
East	30.16%	£21,112
South	25.67%	£17,969
West Central	9.88%	£6,916
Total	100%	£70,000

3.4 Area Committee Community Grant Priorities and Outcomes

Projects and activities should have a targeted approach and make a difference to people in one of the areas (North, East, South or West Central) by reducing social or economic inequality via one of the following funding priorities:

- sporting activities
- arts and cultural activities
- community development activities
- reducing poverty activities

- legal and/or financial advice (*the Advice Quality Standard (AQS) or equivalent required*)
- employment support
- capacity building of the voluntary sector to achieve the above

3.5 Applications are invited from voluntary organisations, community groups and groupings of local residents that are able to meet basic accountability requirements.

3.6 The maximum any one organisation can apply for is £5,000 per area committee and grants cannot be made retrospectively. Full details of the eligibility criteria are available on request.

3.7 Where no funding is proposed it will be due to one or more of the following not being adequately met:

- grant scheme outcomes and/or priorities
- identifying need
- quality or viability of the project
or
- proposals were the remit of another service/fund or organisation
- organisations did not demonstrate the beneficiaries could not fund the activity themselves, or that reserves could not be used to fund the activity

3.8 **Platinum Jubilee**

Alongside the area committee grants, local groups have been invited to apply for grants up to £500 for events to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee via a simple application form. 39 Platinum Jubilee applications have been received, of which 5 are from the West Central area with a total award value of £2,365, detailed in Appendix 3. All of these applications have been recommended an award for the full amount requested.

3.9 **All awards** are subject to grant agreements and monitoring reports. We consider proportionate requirements dependent on the size of the organisation, project and award.

3.10 If the current recommendations for the West Central Area Committee and Platinum Jubilee grant awards are approved following consideration by this committee, the budget allocation for the West Central area will be increased by £9 from service project budgets to support the jubilee activities.

- 3.11 Enquiries for grants made until October will be considered should any funding become available through the return of unspent grant awards. Officers will make decisions on awards up to £5,000 as approved by the Community Services Scrutiny Committee in January 2014.
- 3.12 In October 2022, any remaining community grant funding will be pooled to ensure its effective use on new enquiries for funding from the voluntary and community sector or projects to meet identified need.

4. Appendices

Appendix 1: West Central Area Committee Community Grants – Applications and Recommendations 2022-23

Appendix 2: Area Committee Funding Formula

Appendix 3: West Central Area Platinum Jubilee Grants – Applications and Recommendations.

5. Inspection of papers

If you have a query on the report contact:

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Appendix 1 – West Central Area Committee Community Grants – Applications and Recommendations 2022-23

Beneficiary Key: C – Castle M – Market N – Newnham WC – West Central (E-East, Nth-North, S-South)

Ref	Organisation	Purpose	Aim + outcome	Beneficiaries	Budget	Bid	Award
WC1	Christ's Pieces Residents' Association	Annual talk of local interest for residents.	Provide a focus for local residents to get together. Help reduce isolation for many of the older members.	M 50	Full cost: £255 Income: £0	255	£150
WC2	Eddington Residents' Association	10 monthly social get-togethers, 10 monthly film club showings, 8 monthly board games evenings, cultural events and play sessions for young children and parents.	Combat loneliness and isolation; opportunity to make new friends; create atmosphere of community and friendship. Improve social integration.	C 250 M 15 N 10	Full cost: £3,800 Income: £2,125 Reserves £425	1510.7	£1,000
WC3	Friends of Histon Road Cemetery	Community activities and information, volunteer support and running of the Friends.	Protect and enhance the Cemetery for public benefit and access. Reduce isolation - build the local community especially during pandemic; used for walks, elderly & families.	C 600 (Nth 750)	Full cost: £2,775 Income: £1,000 Reserves	1,100	£400 <i>(plus £400 North AC)</i>
WC4	Friends of Midsummer Common	Community volunteering sessions, events and activities raising awareness of the orchard and increasing biodiversity of the Common.	Improve the wellbeing of local people. Provide access to green space. Reduce social isolation and promote community spirit and wellbeing. Deter anti-social behaviour.	M 200 (Nth 20, E 20)	Full cost: £1,840 Income: £535	1200	£900
WC5	Hanover and Princess Courts Residents Association	Summer seaside outing, September barbecue, Christmas event and monthly craft sessions.	Reduce social isolation, strengthen community cohesion and integration. Activities add an extra dimension to those on low incomes, socially isolated and vulnerable.	M 380	Full cost: £1,490 Income: £530 Reserves £350	960	£610

Ref	Organisation	Purpose	Aim + outcome	Beneficiaries	Budget	Bid	Award
WC6	Oblique Arts	6 x 2 hr creative art workshops for older people at the Foundation of Edward Storey with exhibition at St Augustine's Church Hall.	Reduce social isolation through peer support and building of social networks. Develop new skills and improve self-esteem through family, friends and wider community visiting exhibition.	C 14 M 10 N 2	Full cost: £2,880 Income: £550	1970	£1500

Appendix 2 - Area Committee Budget Calculation 2022-23

Please note: It was anticipated that the Low-Income Family Tracker (LIFT) would be available to use as a way of measuring deprivation for the 2022-23 Area Committee Grants Round. Unfortunately this has been delayed while HMRC look into the wider use of Council Tax Support/Housing Benefit data. We expect it to be available to inform the next area committee grant round.

The aim of the boundary review was to roughly equalise the ward population totals. It is apparent that the latest ONS figures do not take into account the new boundary changes. It is anticipated that ONS will catch-up with its Census 2021 figures in time to inform the next area committee grant round.

Area Committee	Ward	ONS Mid-2020 Persons	Ward Proportion of Total Persons (WPTP)	Ward Benefit Population in 2017 (WBP)	Ward Proportion of Total Benefit Population (WPTBP)	Weighted Score (2xWPTBP) +WPTP/3	Funding Allocation
North	Arbury	8,477	6.78%	1,340	9.79%		
Page 5	East Chesterton	8,815	7.05%	1,557	11.37%		
	Kings Hedges	8,145	6.51%	1,871	13.66%		
	West Chesterton	7,711	6.17%	460	3.36%		
	Sub-total	33,148	26.51%	5,228	38.18%	34.29%	£24,003
East	Abbey	8,984	7.18%	1,908	13.94%		
Page 5	Coleridge	8,893	7.11%	1,079	7.88%		
	Petersfield	8,450	6.76%	566	4.13%		
	Romsey	8,402	6.72%	740	5.40%		
	Sub-total	34,729	27.77%	4,293	31.35%	30.16%	£21,112
South	Cherry Hinton	7,941	6.35%	1,154	8.43%		
Page 5	Queen Edith's	9,210	7.36%	612	4.47%		
	Trumpington	14,776	11.81%	1,759	12.85%		
	Sub-total	31,927	25.53%	3,525	25.74%	25.67%	£17,969
West Central	Castle	10,113	8.09%	283	2.07%		
Page 5	Market	7,226	5.78%	266	1.94%		
	Newnham	7,920	6.33%	97	0.71%		
	Sub-total	25,259	20.20%	646	4.72%	9.88%	£6,916
Totals		125,063		13,692		100%	£70,000

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Appendix 3 – West Central Area Committee Platinum Jubilee Grants – Applications and Recommendations 2022-23

Ref	Organisation	Activity	Anticipated Number of Beneficiaries	Date of Event	Award £
PJWC1	Benson Area Residents' Association (BenRA)	Street party	100 (70 adults, 30 children)	02/06/22	500
PJWC2	Christ's Pieces Residents' Association	Picnic in the park	65 (40 adults, 25 children)	05/06/2022	495
PJWC3	Eddington Residents' Association	Picnic and fair	100 (50 adults, 50 children)	2-5/06/22	390
PJWC4	Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Paul, Cambridge	Day of events in the church grounds	140 (100 adults 40 children)	02/06/22	500
PJWC5	Tea@3 (hosted by St Giles Church)	Punting and afternoon tea	20 adults	tbc	480

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Note: An application from 'Safe Soulmates' will benefit residents from across the City. They have applied for £500 for a Kings and Queens themed silent disco and tea party for approximately 120 young adults with learning disabilities. The event is being held at Cambridge Regional College and will be funded from the Community Services Project Fund.

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Environmental Report

Cambridge West / Central Area
[Covering the wards of Castle, Market and Newnham]

Period of August 2021 to January 2022

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1. Introduction

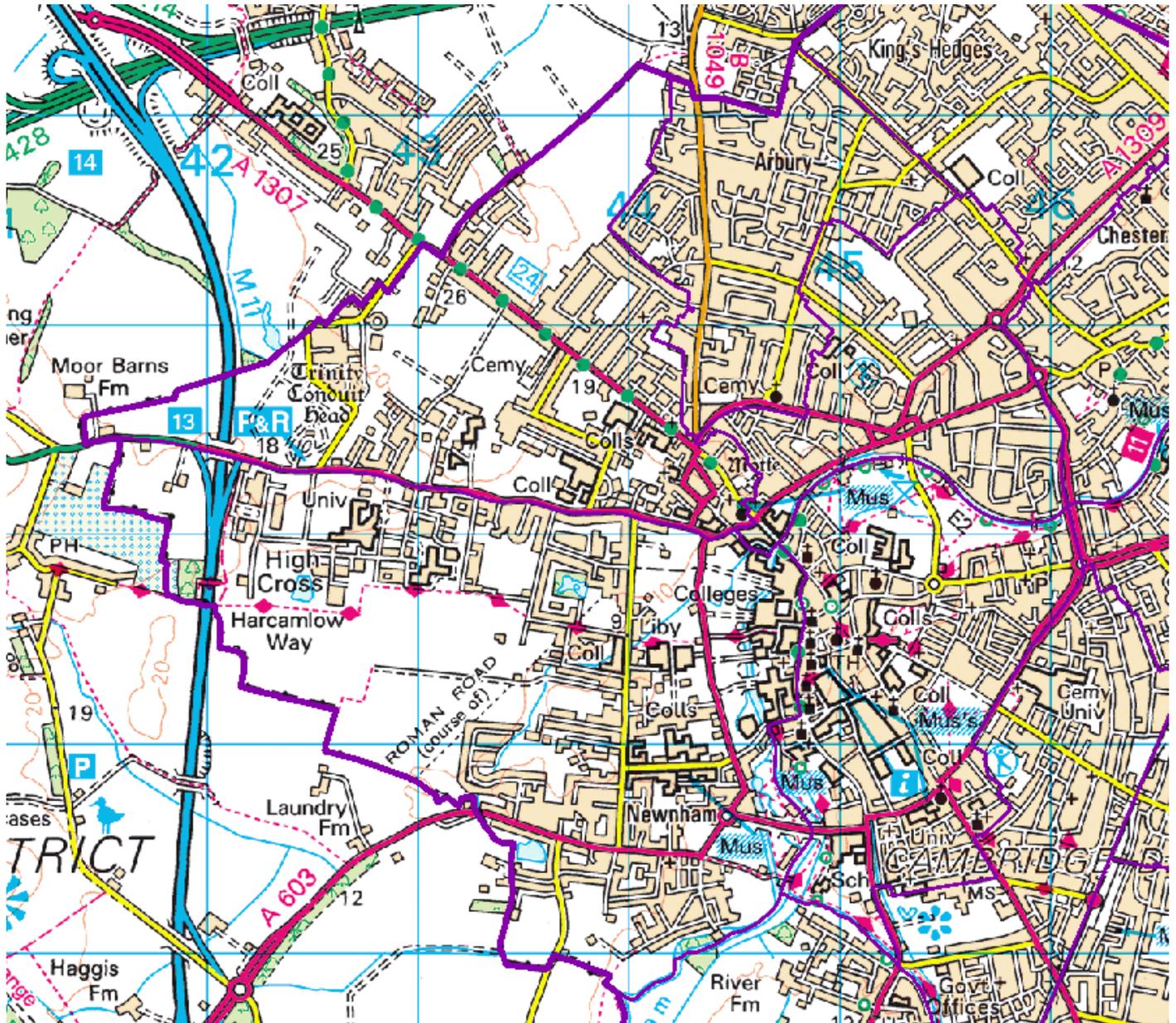
This report provides an overview of the council's Streets and Open Spaces, Environmental Health and Shared Waste service activity in the Area Committee area over the past six months.

This report provides open data on service performance, so that City and County Councillors and their constituents are informed of what service activity is happening in their area; and can engage in and help to shape this activity, including identifying specific local service requests/ issues.

1. Streets and Open Spaces Operations Team:
 - a. Street cleansing and Grounds Maintenance – cleans all residential streets and public land and maintains all grass and shrub beds across the city.
 - b. Community Engagement Team - works with Community Payback and Streets and Open Spaces volunteers to deliver community nominated improvement projects.
 - c. Enforcement Team - investigate and take action against instances of environmental crime and dog control issues in public places across the city.
2. Streets and Open Spaces Assets Development Team:
3. Streets and Open Spaces Projects Team
 - a. Projects
 - b. Parks
 - c. Trees
4. The Greater Cambridge Shared Waste Service provide rubbish and recycling collections from homes and business Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire and empties 32,000 bins each day. It is responsible for setting policy on how this should be done and educating residents and customers on how best to recycle.
5. Environmental Health:
 - a. Pest control – free treatments for rats, mice, cockroaches, bedbugs and pharaohs ants
 - b. Private sector Housing interventions – complaints and investigations regarding condition of properties
 - c. Other public health interventions – refuse, hoarding, bonfires
 - d. Noise complaints – day time and night time noise complaints ,

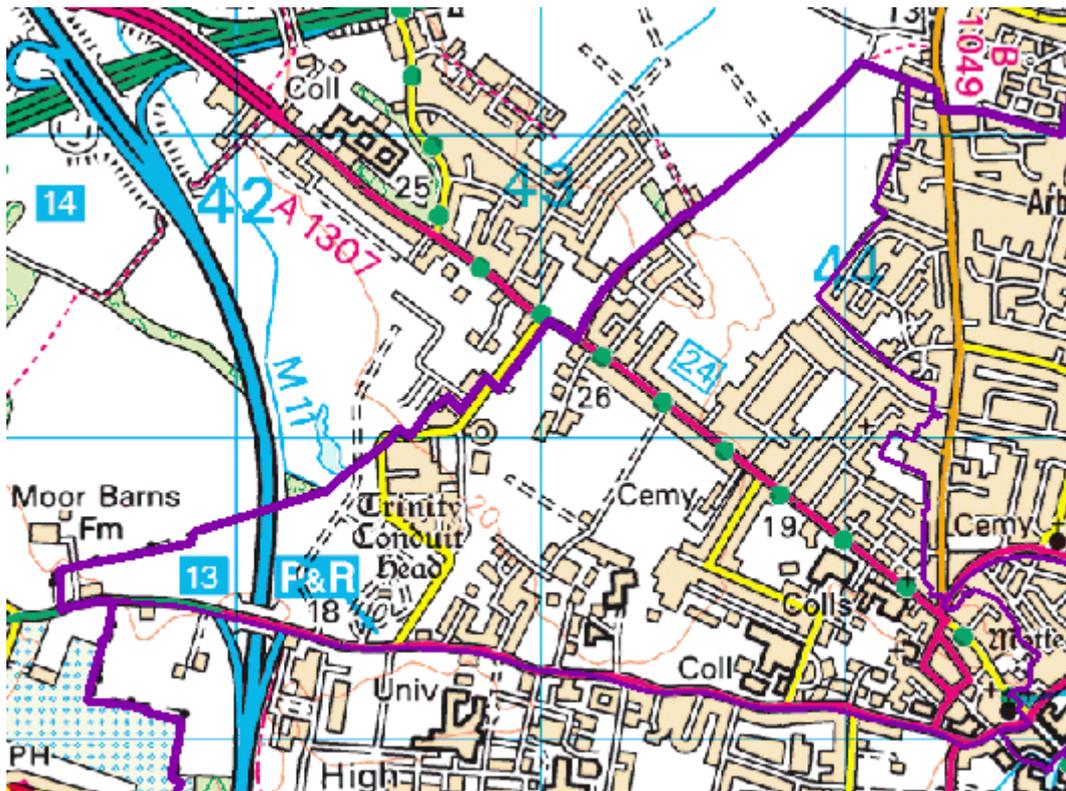
2. West / Central Area Profiles

In this section an update of what teams have been doing in the previous six months is detailed.



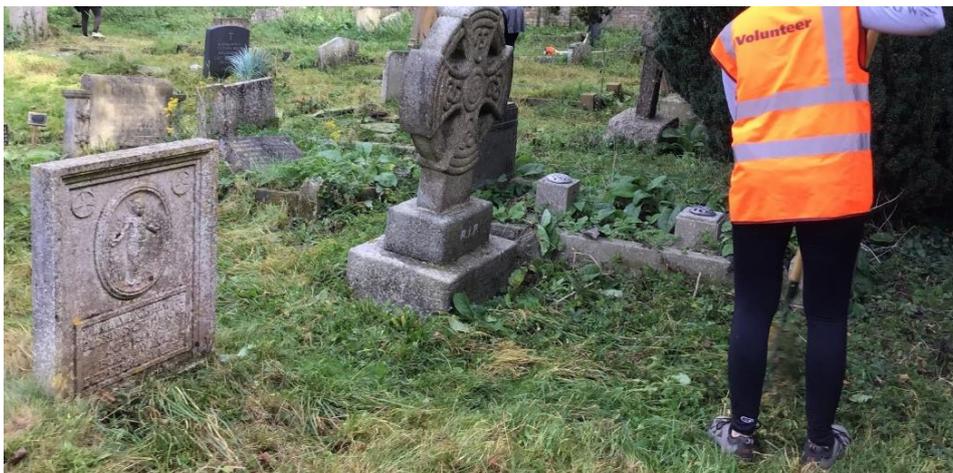
Ward Profile: Castle

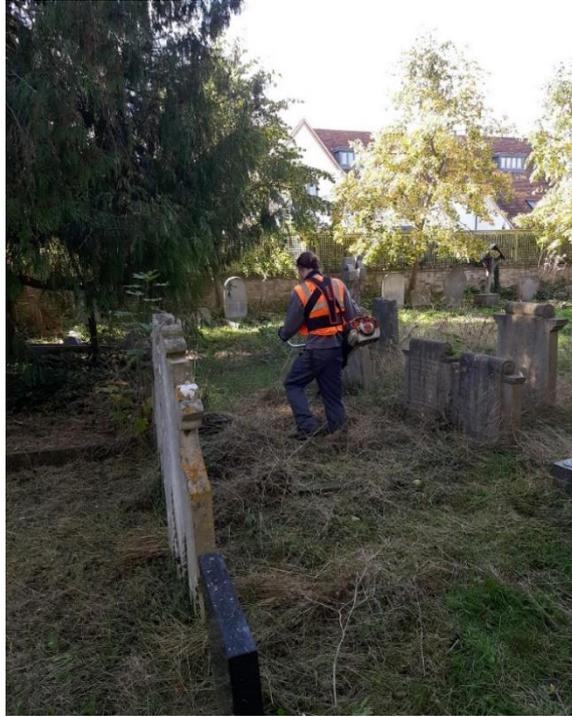
Map



Community Engagement team

The team carried out essential maintenance works at Ascension Burial Ground, strimming and raking plots 3 and 5 not only to ensure the cemetery is kept neat but also that the soil is not too fertile. This will help to prevent the grass and nettles growing as much and allowing the wildflowers to thrive.





Following suspension of the Community Payback service due to Covid-19, the team recommenced work parties with Payback at the end of August 2021.

If you would like to nominate some work for the Community Payback to undertake or to get involved with volunteering, please get in contact with the Community Engagement Team.

Enforcement team

During the period between August 2021 to January 2022 officers continued to undertake proactive and reactive patrols on the open spaces' patrols. This includes illegal campers, and littering patrols.

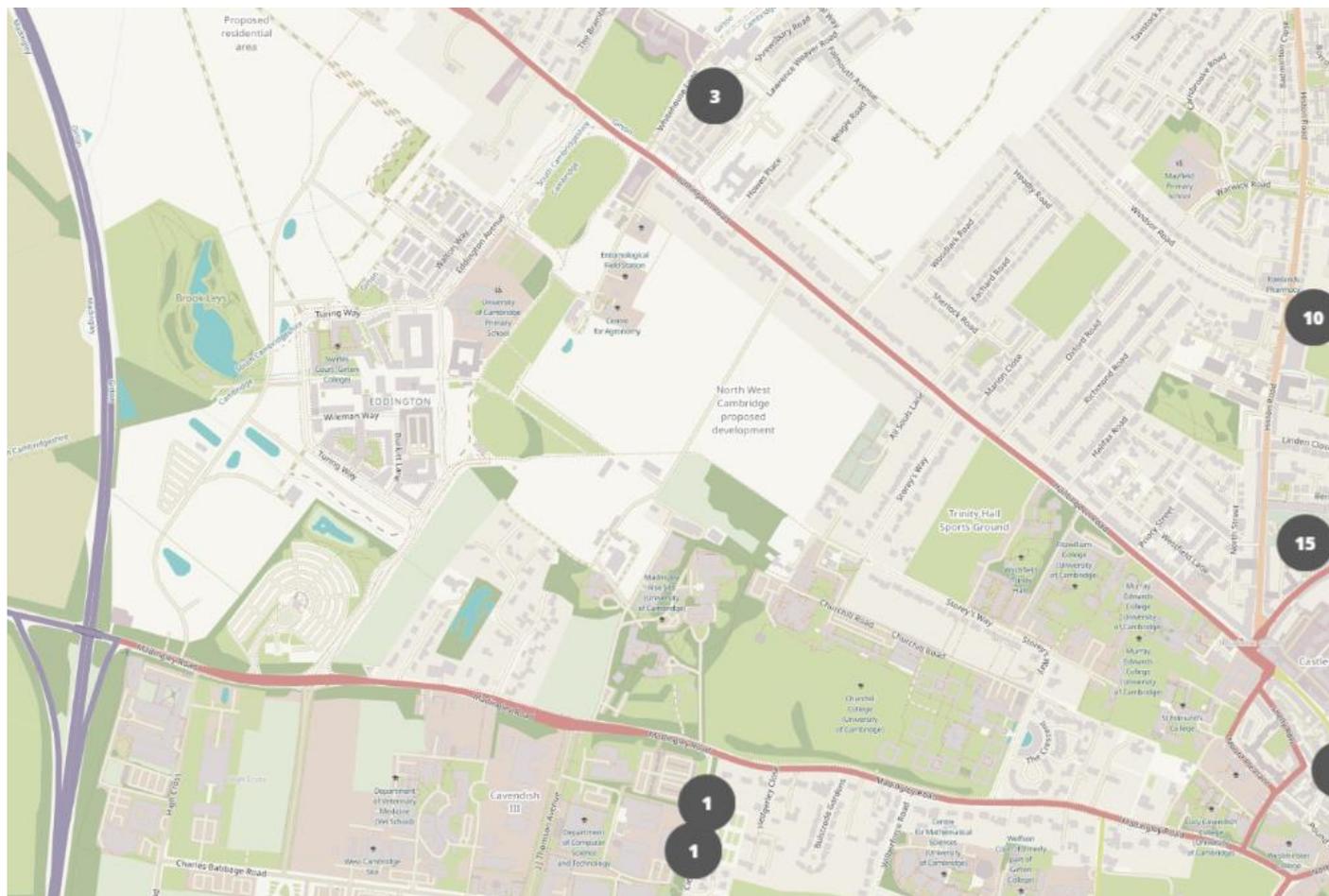
A fixed penalty notice was issued to the driver of a motor vehicle for littering a cigarette end on Huntingdon Road in August, the fixed penalty notice was subsequently paid. A further fixed penalty notice was issued to an individual littering whilst on foot.

If you would like to report an environmental crime issue in your ward, please get in contact with your Enforcement Officers, Andy Hine.

Operations service

The Operations teams have been busy during the last few months continuing to carry out scheduled mechanical sweeping all bus routes, main roads and housing footways and carriageways.

The hot spot map shows the numbers and locations of the flytips cleared within the last six-month period.



If you would like to report a cleansing or grounds maintenance issue, please visit our website and complete the relevant webform (found at <https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/street-and-park-maintenance>) or contact our Customer Service Centre.

Ward Profile: Market

Map



Community Engagement team

Two corporate volunteer events were held on Parkers Piece with volunteers from Aveva and Johnson Matthey. Various tree works, including weeding the oak tree halo, and the lime trees had saplings removed.





Over 15 volunteers came and helped clear the front and rear gardens of All Saints Church on Jesus Lane. The church is managed by the Churches Conservation Trust who requested that the garden be cleared to encourage more visitors to this fantastic building. Since we started the project, All Saints have seen an increase in visitor numbers at the weekends. Our volunteers were kindly given access to the church and received a guided tour which they found very informative. Our volunteers will return later in the year to assist with planting.



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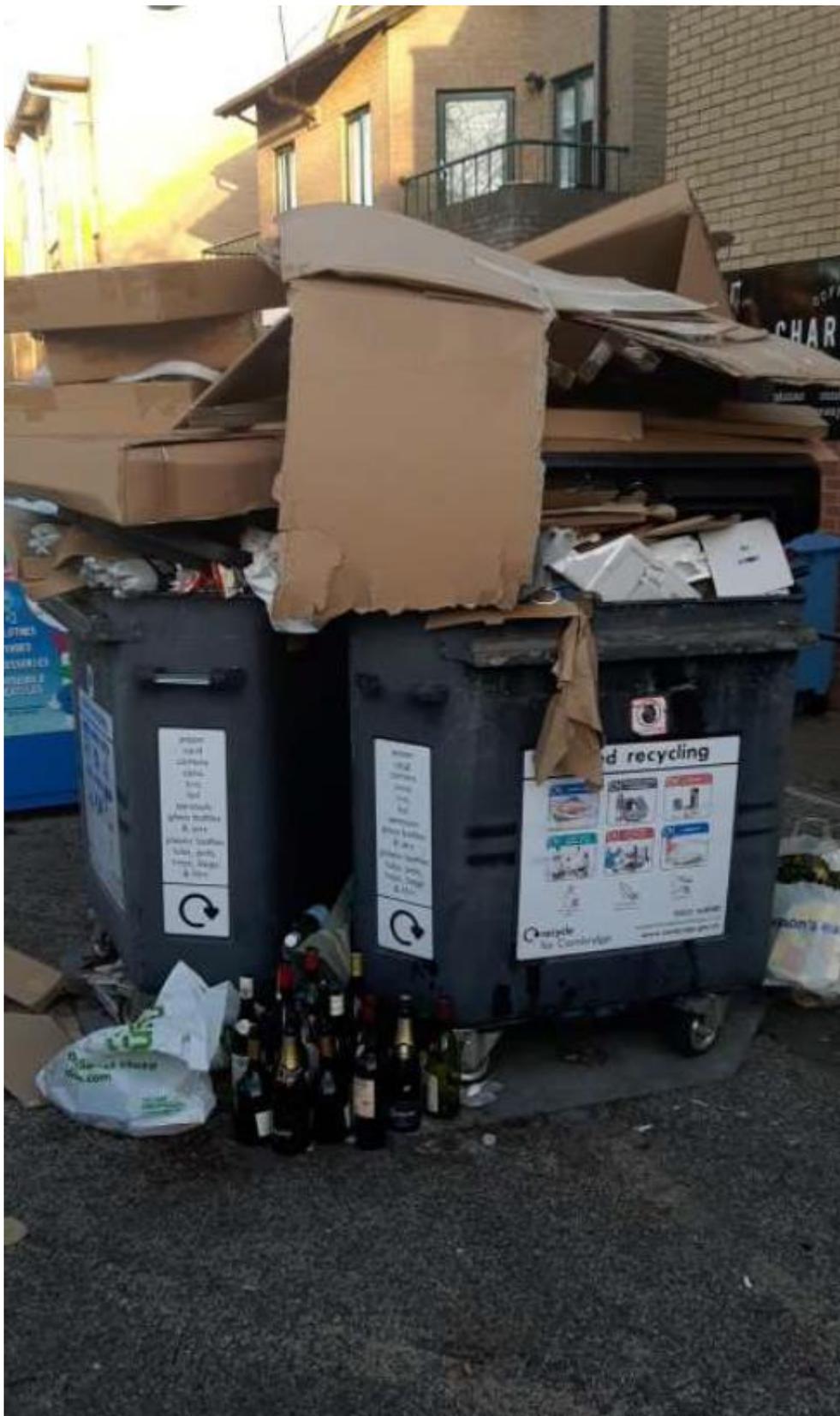
One abandoned vehicle was investigated at Coronation Mews. Following apply a notice to the vehicle it was subsequently claimed and moved by the registered keeper.

There were five breaches of section 47 notices relating to business for mismanagement of the trade waste, fixed penalty notices were issued to all businesses and paid in full.

Lion Yard, New Square, Park Terrace, Regent Street, St Andrews Street, Fitzroy street and Burleigh street have had officers foot patrolling the locations and this has culminated in fixed penalty notices being issued for littering of cigarettes. There has been numerous littering offence investigated in relation to litter thrown from motor vehicles within the ward. Several suspects have been identified and fixed penalty notices issued and paid.



Domestic household waste has been found littered at numerous locations within the ward, these have been investigated. Fixed penalty notices have been issued to suspects of domestic waste littering and additional suspects were issued fixed penalty notices for fly tipping or littering domestic waste, and/or breach of household duty of care.



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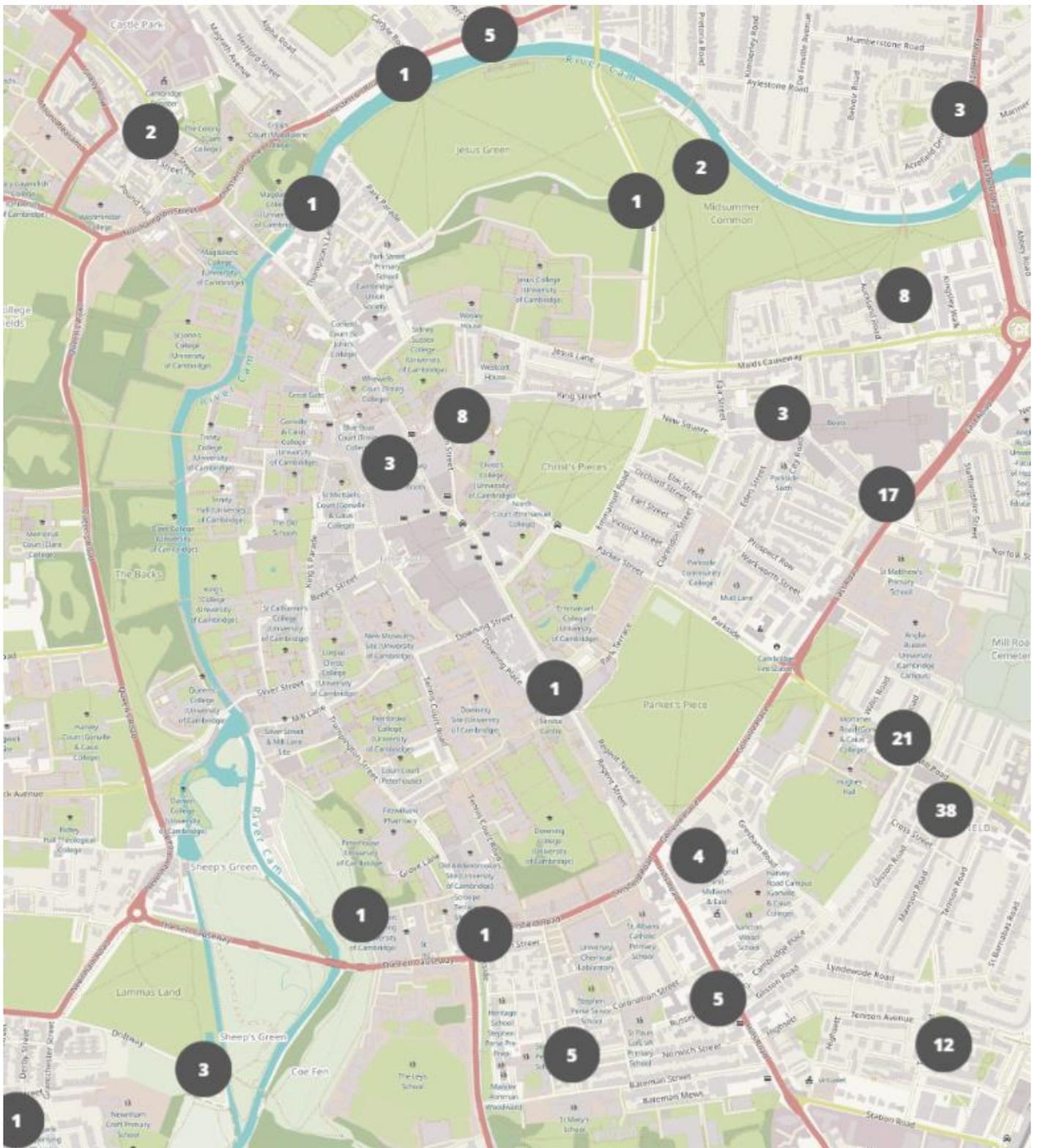
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Our Grounds Maintenance have been out hoeing, pruning, and leafing our city centre parks, sheltered housing, church yards. Which is continual general maintenance and preparation work. The cleansing team are daily keeping the City centre clean. The streets are regularly swept by mechanical sweepers or by hand. The market square is washed twice a week and swept daily.

The Rapid Response/Graffiti Team continue to wash down pavements within the City and outside seating areas. They also wash down after the mess left by night life. There has been an increase in graffiti and fly posting and stickers.



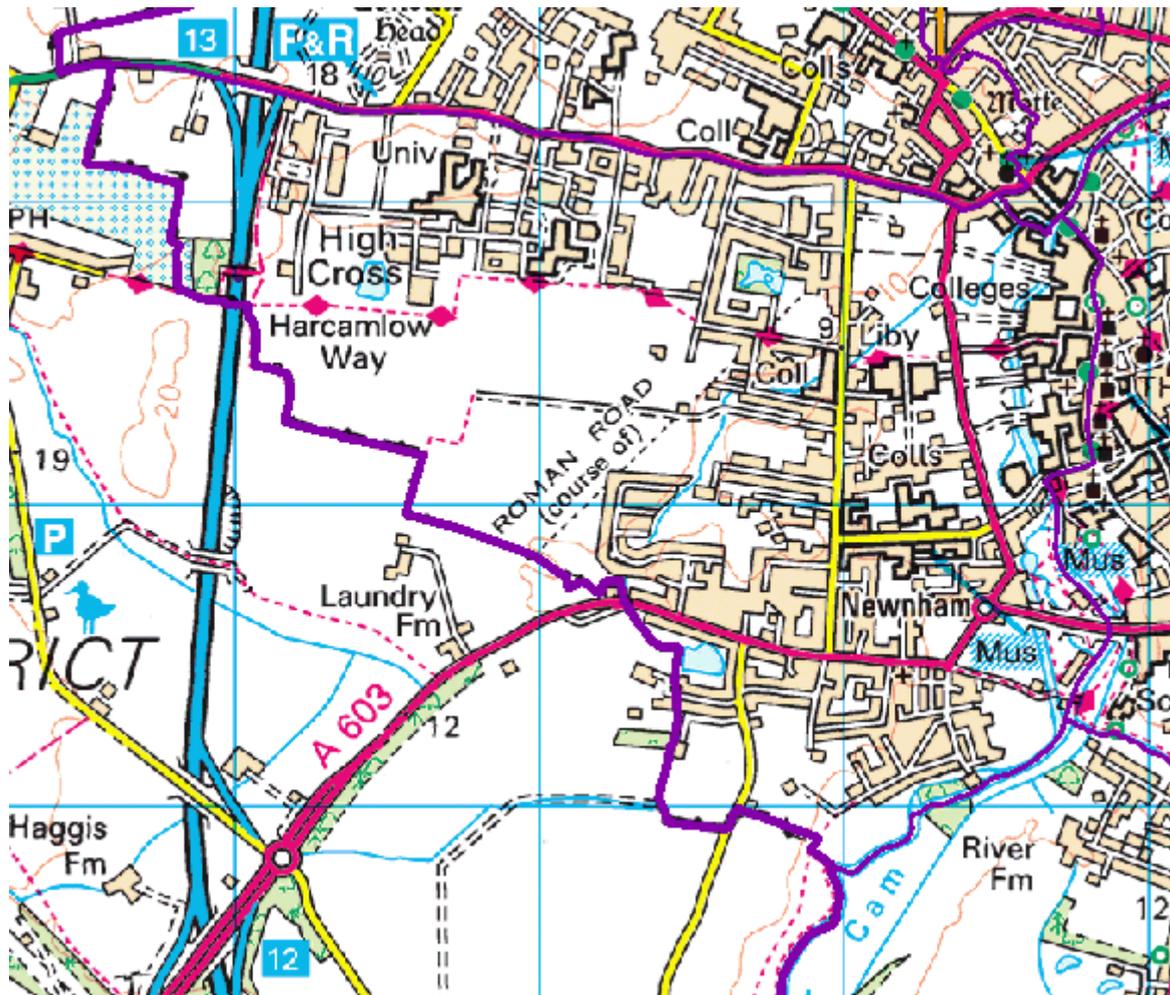
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Ward Profile: Newnham

Map



Community Engagement team

Residents helped cut back and maintain the communal green space in the centre of Barton Close.

Staff from Cambridge University held two group litter picks at JJ Thompson Avenue and Sidgwick/West Road. The employees recorded the types of litter collected and its weight and the data were recorded in collaboration with the Rivers Trust so they can better understand the impact of littering on our waterways.



Benevolent staff held a corporate event at Lammas Land where they litter picked the reserve, as well as Sheep's Green and the surrounding areas, followed by edging the pavements.



Following suspension of the Community Payback service due to Covid-19, the team recommenced work parties with Payback at the end of August 2021.

If you would like to nominate some work for the Community Payback to undertake or to get involved with volunteering, please get in contact with the Community Engagement Team.

Enforcement team

During the period between August 2021 and January 2022 officers continued to undertake proactive and reactive patrols on the open spaces' patrols. This includes illegal campers, and littering patrols.

Fly tipping issues at Lammas Land recycling centre which was previously a hot spot have eased since the recycling bins were removed.

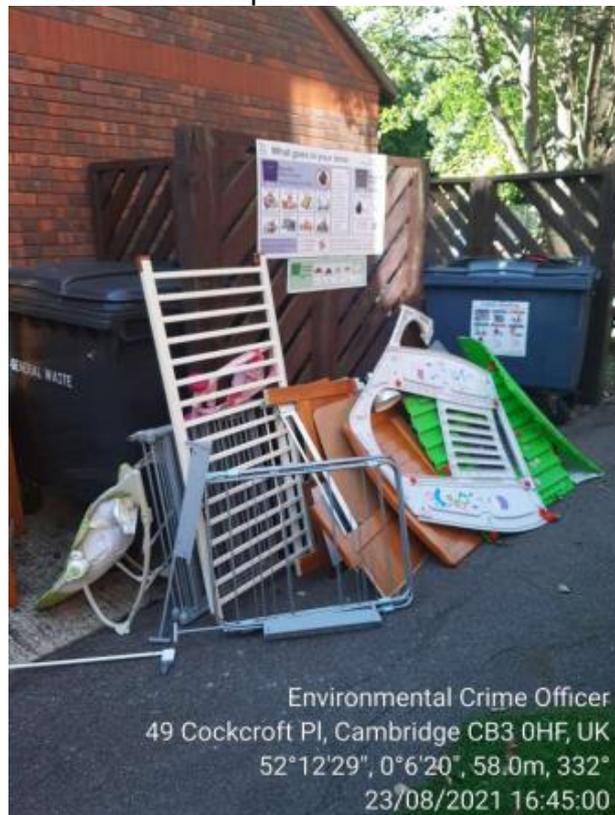
Abandoned vehicles have been dealt accordingly with throughout the ward, with one vehicle at Kings Road removed. Abandoned vehicles were also reported at Clarkson Road, Herschel Road and Clerk Maxwell Road but were either claimed by the owners or not on site at the time of inspection.



Officers continue to monitor businesses that had previously had issues with the management of their trade waste. Commercial fly tips have been investigated within the ward and suspect businesses have been issued fixed penalty notices for the offences.



There have also been domestic waste fly tips investigated and cleared, suspects have been issued fixed penalty notices for the offences and all paid.



If you would like to report an environmental crime issue in your ward, please get in contact with your Enforcement Officers, Andy Hine.

Sheep's Green nature reserve:

The Rush stream and Vicars Brook have been given lots of attention by volunteer groups. Vital tweaking of the flow deflectors, the moving and replanting of aquatic plants, bank renovation and habitat creation all happening on both these important streams.



Paradise nature reserve:

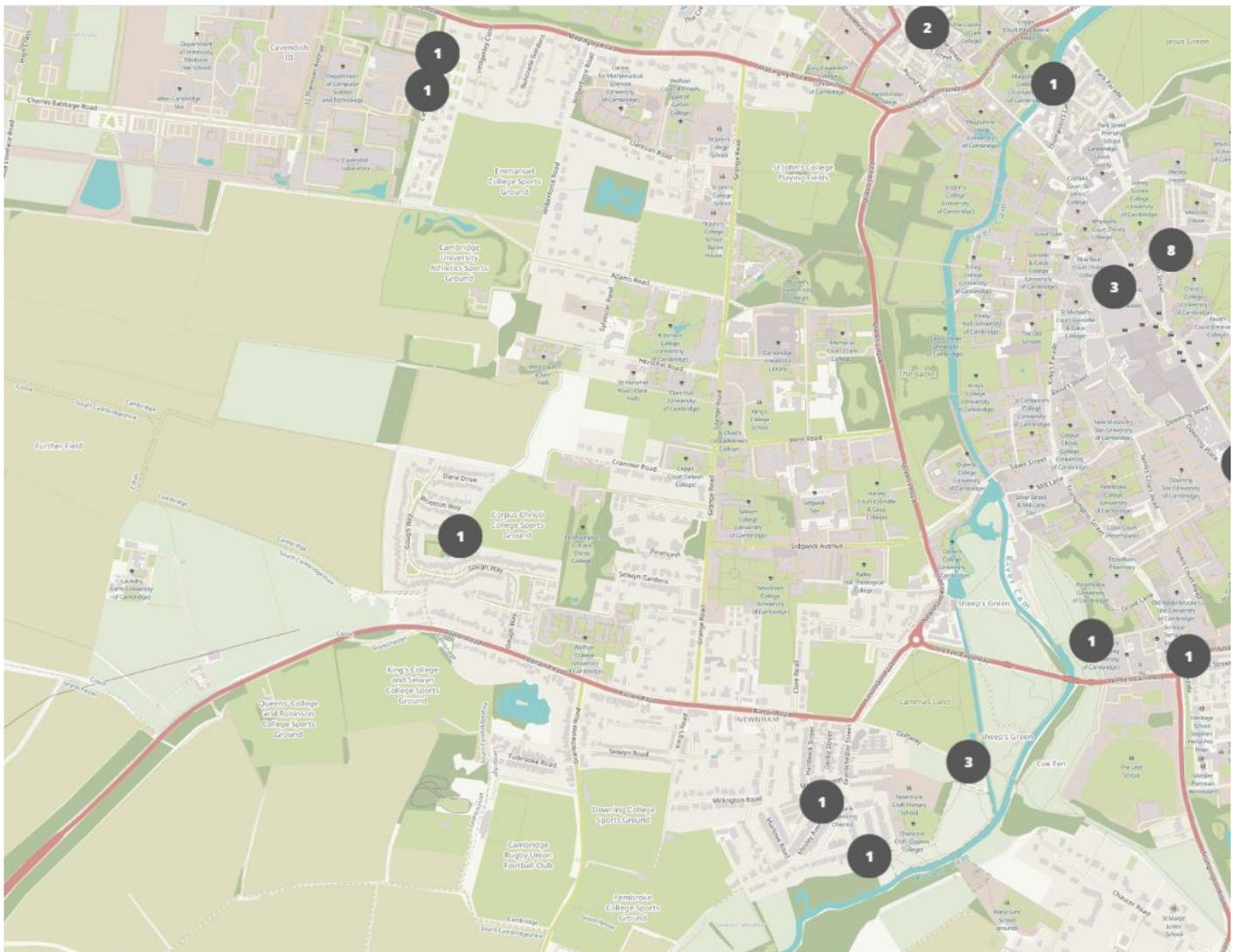
Clearance of the lake to create open water areas and ditch clearance to keep water in the back ditches over the winter.



Operations service

The Operations teams have been busy during the last few months continuing to carry out scheduled mechanical sweeping all bus routes, main roads and housing footways and carriageways.

The hot spot map shows the numbers and locations of the flytips cleared within the last six-month period.



If you would like to report a cleansing or grounds maintenance issue, please visit our website and complete the relevant webform (found at <https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/street-and-park-maintenance>) or contact our Customer Service Centre.

Community Engagement Team Updates

Hedgehog Holes

The Community Engagement Team continues to work with Cambridge Hedgehogs to promote hedgehog holes and highways. The team can assist residents by cutting holes in fences to facilitate hedgehog movement between gardens.



To date the team have cut over forty new hedgehog holes across the city. Should residents wish to have a hedgehog hole cut they can email the Community Engagement Team at sosvolunteers@cambridge.gov.uk who will make suitable arrangements.

Greater Cambridge Shared Waste Service Update:

Greater Cambridge Shared Waste Service Updates for Cambridge (Covers the period of April 2021 to December 2021):

Date	Time	Event	Location
21.04 2021	09:15-10:15	Online recycling talk	Hardwick Primary School
12. 05 2021	19:00-21:00	Online recycling talk	Barton Women's Institute
15.06 2021	09:00-10:30	Online recycling talk	Monkfield Primary School
17.06 2021	10:00-12:00	13-51 Carlton Way	Mini skip day with recycling information
03. 07. 2021	12:00-16:00	CCF Info session about how to calculate your carbon footprint and waste minimisation	Market Square
20.07 2021	10:00-14:00	CAD	Ekin Road
24.07 2021	09:00-13:00	CAD	Hanover and Princess Court and Russell Court
25.07. 2021	10:00-15:00	50th Anniversary of the CMT	Cambridge Museum of Technology
16.08 2021	10:00-14:00	COPE AGM	St Luke's Church Victoria Road
11.09 2021	10:00-14:00	Community Action Day	Wulfstan Way
18.09 2021	09:00-13:00	CAD	Brackyn Close
20.09 2021	13:00-14:00	Assembly recycling talk	Queen Edith Primary School
25.09 2021	09:00-13:00	CAD	Red Cross Lane
02.10 2021	09:00-13:00	CAD	Ditton Fields
16.10 2021	09:00-13:00	CAD	Tenby Close
17.10 2021	11:00-12:00	Recycling talk	Wesley Methodist Church
23.10 2021	09:00-13:00	CAD	Teversham Drift
30.10 201	09:00-13:00	CAD	East Chesterton Ashfield Close
13.11 2021	09:00-13:00	CAD	Birdwood Road
16.11 2021	10:00-11:00	Recycling talk	Arthur Rank Hospice
20.11 2021	09:00-13:00	CAD	Rawlyn Close

3. Environmental and Waste Data

Public Realm [West / Central Area]

Period	Activity	Total number of incidents	Castle	Market	Newnham
Aug 2020 to Jan 2021	Fly tipping	78	35	37	6
Aug 2021 to Jan 2022	Fly tipping	78	9	49	9
Aug 2020 to Jan 2021	Needles	62 needles	9 needles (6 instance)	53 needles (19 instances)	0 needles (0 instance)
Aug 2021 to Jan 2022	Needles	145 needles	2 needles (1 instance)	145 needles (17 instances)	0 needles (0 instance)
Aug 2020 to Jan 2021	Fixed penalty notices	57	8	48	1
Aug 2021 to Jan 2022	Fixed penalty notices	54	2	43	9

Summary of public realm data:

Fly tipping:

Hot spot maps within each of the ward profiles shows the numbers and locations of the flytips within the last six-month period.

Needles:

- Castle: In September there was one instance where two needles were removed from Histon Road.
- Market:
 - At Auckland Road, there were one incident in September where five needles were removed from Midsummer Orchard.
 - At Burleigh Street in December twenty needles were removed.
 - At Granted Place in November a carrier bag of twenty-five needles was removed.
 - At James Street 47 needles were removed in August.
 - Twelve needles were cleared from a bin on Tredgold Lane in August
 - In Wellington Street repeat incidents occurred in September (three instances and a total of eight needles cleared), October (seventeen needles cleared) and January (three needles cleared).
 - In September at Corn Exchange Street one needle was removed, at Bridge Street one needle was removed in August, two needles were cleared from Holy Trinity Church Yard in September, and one in September. One needle was cleared from Paradise Street in January, one needle from Post Office Terrace in August and one needle from Sidney Street in August.

Fixed penalty notices:

Fixed penalty notices issued across the period includes twenty-six for littering, five for trade related waste (including littering, fly tipping and breaching of a statutory notice), twenty-two for domestic related waste (including littering, breach of domestic duty of care and fly tipping) and 1 for breach of touting public space protection order.

Private Realm [West / Central Area]

Period	Activity	Investigations	Treatments Carried out	Informal Action / Written Warnings	Statutory Notices Served	Legal Proceedings
Aug 2020 to Jan 2021	Pest Control	NA	40	NA	NA	NA
Aug 2021 to Jan 2022	Pest Control	NA	46	NA	NA	NA
Aug 2020 to Jan 2021	Refuse and waste complaints	0	NA	1	0	0
Aug 2021 to Jan 2022	Refuse and waste complaints	0	NA	1	0	0
Aug 2020 to Jan 2021	Other public health interventions ²	9	NA	1	0	0
Aug 2021 to Jan 2022	Other public health interventions ²	11	NA	1	0	0
Aug 2020 to Jan 2021	Noise complaints	41 ³	NA	1	0	0
Aug 2021 to Jan 2022	Noise complaints	37 ³	NA	1	0	0
Aug 2020 to Jan 2021	Private Sector Housing interventions	12 ⁴	NA	1	0	0
Aug 2021 to Jan 2022	Private Sector Housing interventions	30 ⁴	NA	1	0	0

¹ All complaints will generally have at least one such action.

² Other public health complaints includes odour, smoke, bonfires, filthy and verminous

³ Where multiple complaints have been received from one person these have only be counted as one complaint

⁴ Please note this figure relates to investigation of reactive service request and does not include proactive inspections.

Waste and Recycling Data [Great Cambridge Area]

Recycling rate:

This is based total amount of recycling collected in blue and green bins. Waste is subject to seasonable fluctuations.

Activity	Q1 Apr-Jun 21/22	Q2 Jul-Sep 21/22	Q3 Oct-Dec 21/22
Total recycling rate	53.56%	54.17%	47.26%
Recycling rate – dry recycling	20.83%	21.22%	23.10%
Recycling rate – composting	32.47%	32.87%	23.67%
Residual waste collected for disposal	46.70%	45.91%	53.23%

4. Key contacts

Area	Contact	Telephone Number	Email
Community Engagement	Community Engagement Team	01223 458084	sosvolunteers@cambridge.gov.uk
Enforcement (Castle Market and Newnham)	Andy Hine	01223 458579	andrew.hine@cambridge.gov.uk
Streets and Open Spaces Operations / Commercial	Paul Jones	01223 458282	paul.jones@cambridge.gov.uk
West Area Operations Team Leader	Mark Yeadsley	01223 458282	mark.yeadsley@cambridge.gov.uk
Recycling Champions	Birgitta Laurent	07525 213774	recycling.champions@scambs.gov.uk

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If you have a question about one of the council's services, you will be able to find a number of answers on our website www.cambridge.gov.uk. If you can't find what you are looking for, or want to discuss something with us, you can contact us on the details above or call 01223 457000.

5. Volunteer schemes

Time Credits

You can earn Time Credits for your time as volunteer. Every hour of involvement with us earns you a 1-hour time credit – which can be spent in places like cinemas, gyms, swimming pools or music venues. The more time you give the more time credits you receive.

Streets and Open Spaces Volunteers:

We're looking for volunteers to make the streets of Cambridge even cleaner, tidier and more pleasant and to spread our motto 'A greener, cleaner city starts with you'. So, whether you're already part of an existing local group and want some additional support or you're an individual who feels strongly about these issues, then get in touch to take part. Our volunteers work to improve their local streets by acting to keep them clean, tidy and looking their best.

With the support of a dedicated Area Ranger you'll be able to:

- Recruit other local people to help you in a project
- Organise events locally to promote cleaner streets: litter picks, ward walks etc.
- Have access to and use specialist equipment for removing graffiti and litter
- Take part in large city-wide events for volunteers
- Provide education to other members of the public
- Get involved with new volunteer roles/projects

As a volunteer you're free to suggest your own ideas and we will do our best to accommodate them. We don't expect you to give huge amounts of time to our projects, as a volunteer, we just hope you can commit some regular time each month to keep the project active and vibrant in the community.

To sign up or find out more visit our webpage <https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/streets-and-open-spaces-volunteers> or contact our Community Engagement Team on sosvolunteers@cambridge.gov.uk or 01223 458084

Recycling Champions:

Are you a passionate about recycling? Would you like to meet other people who are also keen to help to promote recycling, minimizing waste and sustainability? Do you enjoy working with the public? If yes, then why not become a recycling champion. The Greater Cambridge Shared Waste Service is looking for volunteers to help spread the word about recycling within the community. You don't need any experience or previous knowledge, you just need to believe that recycling is important, be friendly and approachable and be willing to convey your enthusiasm about helping the environment to others. Full training will be provided.

Our volunteers do a variety of roles such as:

- Run stalls at various events in the city and south of Cambridge
- Do door knocking around flats, hand out leaflets
- Attend monthly recycling champions meetings
- Do talks to community groups and schools about recycling
- Write articles in newsletters and go on trips to visit various recycling sites to learn about waste management and recycling.

To become a recycling champion please visit our webpage <https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/become-a-recycling-champion>, or contact recycling.champions@scams.gov.uk or telephone 07525 213774.