

Report of:	To:	Date	Item no.
Cllr. David Henderson, Street Scene, Parks and Open Spaces Portfolio Holder	Council	12 April 2018	8(c)

<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** Memorial Park was host to craft, nature and orienteering activities throughout the February half term which generated greater use of the restored facilities. A display at a Healthier Fleetwood event on the 14 February highlighted to stakeholders the opportunities at the park for our support in programmes to improve health and wellbeing. In February for instance the pavilion was hired each week for 'The Well' a therapeutic programme supporting recovery from addiction.
- 2.2** Sessions in schools introduced pupils to the heritage of The Mount and explored why it was important to preserve the park and what they would like to see. Feedback from the pilot was then used in planning future workshops and their delivery by volunteers. A pop-up tearoom at the Lodge attracted over 180 people who came to find out about the building's history and the application to the Heritage Lottery Fund which was submitted last month. A decision on our bid is expected in August.
- 2.3** Forty new trees were planted in February with the assistance of volunteers and Poulton-le-Fylde Rotary Club on a number of open spaces throughout Wyre as part of our work to develop the range of trees we have and benefits they bring to the environment.
- 2.4** The Parks and Open Spaces team with the help of the Jubilee Gardens Friends Group and volunteers have commenced work to improve the planted areas within the park.

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

- 3.1** The third year of the green waste service will go live on the 1 May and uptake so far is positive once again with residents also having the opportunity to subscribe to Direct Debit payments.
- 3.2** Work to reduce the number of duplicate residual waste bins at domestic properties is ongoing with 70 being identified during February. Guidance to assist residents to recycle more of their waste has been made available.

### **4. Street scene**

- 4.1** Area Officers continue to work within Fleetwood to engage with residents, businesses and the wider community to clean up the back alleys and take more responsibility for the area. The feedback to date has been very positive and the support from many residents encouraging.
- 4.2** The number of dogs out straying whose keepers have not updated their personal details with the microchip companies appears to be on the increase. We will therefore be seeking to work with the Dogs Trust and other partner agencies to increase awareness of this legal requirement, the benefits to the owner and wider welfare promotions.
- 4.3** The recent 'Paint Means Poo' campaign at Wyre Estuary Country Park has had some positive results. Whilst fouling continued throughout the two weeks, there was a gradual decline in the number of fouling incidents over the period and there was no displacement elsewhere in the park. It provided staff the opportunity to engage with visitors (dog walkers and non dog walkers alike) and all were positive about raising the awareness of the issue. It is acknowledged some criticism was received on social media for not clearing the foul initially but this was done during and at the end of the campaign. Evenings and weekends appeared to see the worst of the problems, despite litter bins being available for disposal of waste. Monitoring and enforcement patrols will continue to be undertaken.
- 4.4** Highway weed control is scheduled to be undertaken during April and May dependant on the weather.

### **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.