Bath & North East Somerset Council

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Clean and Green

Newsletter July 2022

Clean and Green Action Weeks

We are in our second month of the Clean and Green action weeks. In July we have visited Moorlands, Widcombe and Lyncombe, Newbridge, Weston, Twerton, Southdown, Westmoreland, and Oldfield Park, to respond to cleansing priorities such as sweeping, weeding and litter picking.

Please continue to send your priority areas for cleansing within your wards to CleanAndGreen@Bathnes.gov.uk.



Weeding and sweeping completed along Triangle West, Westmoreland

Our Cleansing, Enforcement, Waste Campaigns, Parks and Highways Teams have also been busy working with Curo in areas including Blagdon Park and Redland Park to spruce up the areas. Our Enforcement team have been busy putting up more fly tipping and litter awareness posters, and our Waste Campaigns Team have been delivering educational material and raising awareness around correct presentation of waste and recycling, and the importance of reducing waste.



Weeding and sweeping completed along Excelsior Street, Widcombe and Lyncombe.

Highways Maintenance and Drainage

Highways services are now able to do more routine gully emptying, repairing of signs, and painting of road markings due to the extra investment.

We have now attended to over 6,000 gullies since the start of the financial year. In the last month we have worked on the A4 Keynsham Bypass, A362 and in the Clutton & High Littleton Wards.

Clean and Green Response Team

The Response Team have been busy responding to Fix My Street reports in wards across B&NES, including a backlog of reports that we have previously struggled to respond to. Since June 6th, the team have responded to 140 Fix My Street reports related to overhanging vegetation, cleaning signs, bus shelter damage, road sign damage, parking safety issues, graffiti, and excessive or dangerous littering.

Please continue to use Fix My Street to report cleansing, parks and highways issues.



Before and after pictures of signs cleaned throughout Wellsway, Widcombe and Lyncombe.

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Graffiti

As part of the Clean and Green Programme we are now able to offer a free graffiti removal service to domestic properties, and an at-cost service for businesses.

Homeowners and businesses must fill out this form to request graffiti removal on their property. We have one operative who is responding to these requests, and another operative and the Response Team, who are responding to Fix My Street reports of graffiti on public property.



Before and after picture of graffiti removed from a domestic property.

Since the launch at the end of May, we have received 10 graffiti removal requests from domestic properties of which 7 have been completed (the remaining three are in progress). We have also fixed 27 Fix My Street reports related to graffiti on public property since June 6th.

Community Action

We had our second joint community litter pick in Weston on June 14th. Please let us know if you have any active community groups in your wards that might like to get involved in a community action event during your Clean and Green action week, we would love to come along and support if possible.



We are continuing to work with #NoPlaceForLitter (a volunteering network for all the groups that help with litter clearance) to provide everything needed to organise a community litter pick.

Community weed removal equipment is also available to borrow through #NoPlaceforLitter. Each kit includes four hoes, two types of brushes and a shovel. Volunteers will also be provided with garden waste sacks so weeds can be composted. Please contact your local hub to borrow equipment.

Communications

Our Clean and Green webpage is live with more information about the 12-month campaign: https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/clean-and-green-bath-north-east-somerset

Please do not hesitate to get in contact if you have any questions about the campaign via CleanAndGreen@Bathnes.gov.uk.

We are also posting updates on our social media pages.

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We would be grateful if you can help us publicise the #CleanAndGreen campaign by sharing our posts on your social media.

