

2022

Street Scene Update



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GROUNDS UPDATE

Grass Cutting

these will recommence in March 2022.

Shrub Pruning

The South of the district has been completed with only certain areas requiring reduction work which is being undertaken over the coming weeks by our tree gang.

At the moment the shrub pruning team are in the north and are in Cheslyn Hay/Great Wyrley area.

We aim to complete all shrub pruning by the end of February 2022.

Hedge Cutting

Hedge cutting has been completed

Meadow Grass Cutting

Our meadow grass areas have been completed



] STREET CLEANSING UPDATE

Sweeping Update

Our Sub-contracted road sweeper continues operating in the district and it is anticipated that it will be in the following areas as follows over the coming weeks:

Areas
Wombourne
Swindon
Himley/Gospel end
Kinver

Please note that only arterial routes are swept as part of the sweeping schedule

Bin Emptying and Litter Picking

Our teams have been bin emptying and litter picking all over the district to schedule.

FLY TIPPING UPDATE

Fly Tipping

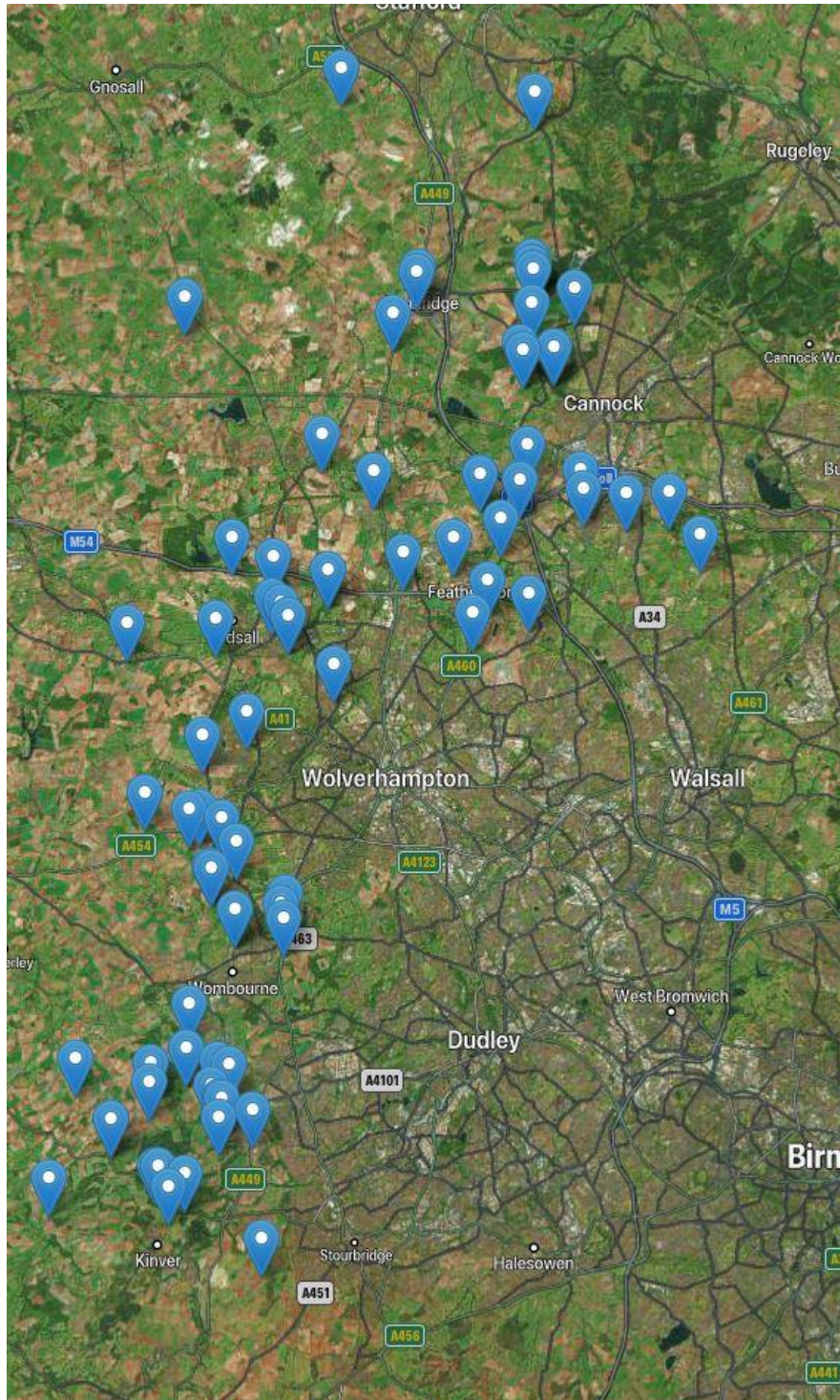
Over the month of December, we have picked up **86** Fly tips from across the district and to give you a flavour what was picked up please see below:



Photo's



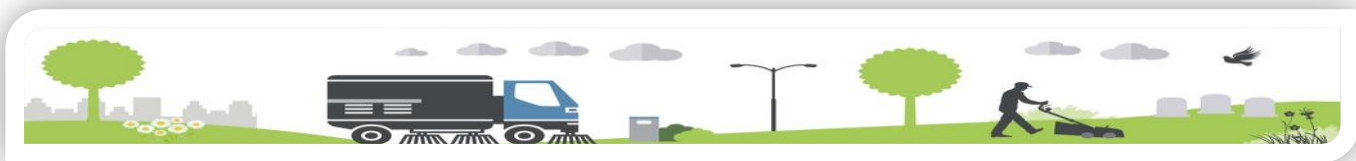
Map of Removed Fly Tips in December 2021



ENVIRO-CRIME UPDATE

These are the latest figures for December 2021 we had **86** in total:
In December 2020 we had a total of **66** fly tips

Locality	Flytips	New investigations	FPN	Letters sent	September 2020 flytip total
1	16	1			
2	4				
3	20	3			
4	13				
5	33			4	
Totals	86	4	0	4	66



We have had our last RIPA authority approved in December, so we have been getting our next round of covert cameras in place. We currently have 14 cameras out; this include temporary overt ones.

We have been successful in 2 court cases for fly tipping with fines being issued to the culprits by the courts and an additional waste carrier without the correct licences in place took and prosecuted in court too.

Since April 2021 we collected 743 fly tips which compared to last year (1737 from April-April) is a big decrease which is certainly going against national statistics which are seeing an increase year upon year of fly tipping reports.

TREE WORKS UPDATE

Tree Works

Our tree team are now officially completing tree works for our residents and businesses and have completed many jobs across the district, bringing additional income into the council and have received very positive feedback from all customers.

We have quoted on 207 Jobs since we started (November 2020) and have been successful in the customer accepting quote in over 60%. Also we are now seeing repeat customers which is a credit to the team.

We have received an increase in quotes/enquiries over the last few weeks as the good word regarding the service gets spread and we have received very positive feedback with the work undertaken.

We have also been working at Baggeridge Country Park alongside the rangers to help with the maintenance of the vast tree stock on the beautiful site.

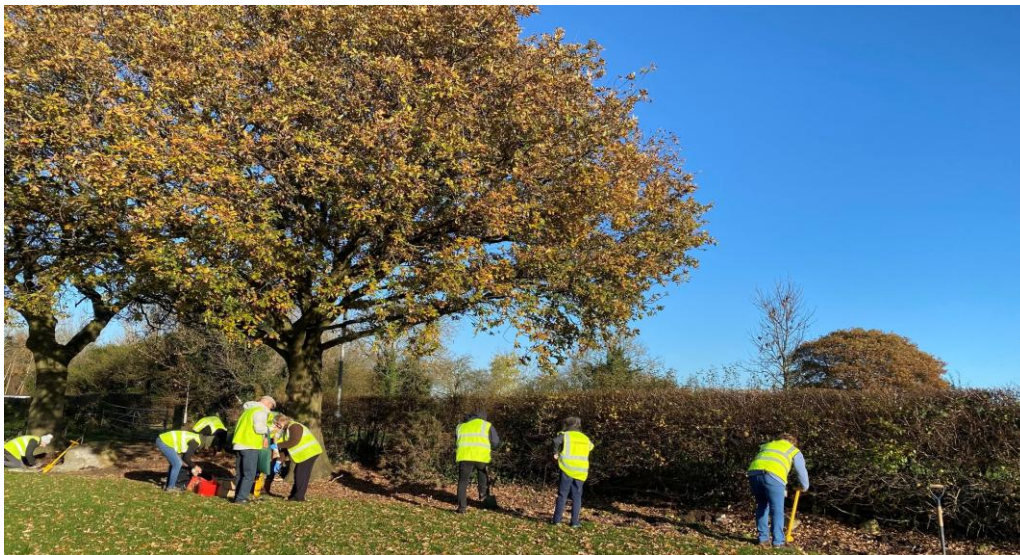
We have ensured that any normal and emergency works will be completed by the in-house team rather than outsourcing to contractors, which in turn provides saving to the council.



BEREAVEMENT UPDATE

Bulb Planting Events

We were so pleased to once again be able to hold our bulb planting events in November. The events at both cemeteries were well attended and everyone that came along thoroughly enjoyed getting out in the fresh air and getting some gentle exercise. At Strawberry Lane in Great Wyrley, despite the cold we had beautiful blue skies and an inquisitive robin who came to join us. At Sytch Lane in Wombourne we were joined by enthusiastic members of the public, members of the High Flyers Group and staff from Wombourne Funeral Services as well as our own staff who all worked really hard. We look forward to seeing the cemeteries full of colour in the spring.



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Pre-Purchasing of Plots

Although considered by many to be a taboo subject that most of us want to avoid, funerals are an inevitable part of life and being organised and planning ahead can relieve some of the emotional stress and financial pressures on your loved ones.

It isn't uncommon for people to make arrangements for when they die, in fact 15% of people in the UK have already done just that *, but did you know that whilst many pre-paid funeral plans offered by funeral directors include everything from a coffin to flowers, they may not include your final place of rest or burial plot.

At each of our two cemeteries (Sytych Lane in Wombourne and Strawberry Lane in Great Wyrley) we have plots available to purchase in advance whether your preference is burial or cremation. Choosing your exact plot and purchasing it at today's prices can give invaluable peace of mind to both you and your loved ones.

Contact us on 01902 696000 or visit our website for more information:

<https://www.sstaffs.gov.uk/life-events/pre-purchasing-a-grave-plot.cfm>

* Competition & Markets Authority (CMA) Funerals Market Study – March 2019

Cemetery Opening Times

The cemeteries are open to the public seven days a week from 9.00 to 4.30 and are open for burials, including the interment and scattering of ashes, Monday to Friday between 9.00 and 2.30 (between 9.00 and 3.00 from 1st February).

Our seasonal opening times are:

1st October to 31st March - 9.00 until 4.30

1st April to 30th September - 9.00 until 8.00

Contact Details

For enquiries about our cemeteries and the services we offer please call 01902 696000. You can also visit our website for further information including useful links to plenty of organisations that can offer advice and support.

<https://www.sstaffs.gov.uk/life-events/arranging-a-funeral.cfm>



Bereavement Services Video

Visit the Council's You Tube page to see our Bereavement Services video. On the video you can hear about the different options available and see stunning views of our cemeteries and surrounding South Staffordshire countryside.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n9HG4UmIBIM&t=4s&fbclid=IwAR2hEeOnAdDFac5i1tqx811i-ynWzY9aPj6TqB1t-2nBKVlOGRK1vDSJNtI>

AD-HOC AND OTHER WORK UPDATE

Bin Replacement

We are auditing and replacing various bins across the district which are damaged, and this is going to be a rolling program throughout the year, so please let us know if you have a damaged bin in your area.

Sign Replacement

We are replacing damaged signs across the district, so please let us know if you have damaged ones in your area

OTHER NEWS

We understand that it can be quite difficult to find the correct person for your queries, so I have put the below together to try and help:

Contact details of street scene:

Routine Scheduled Operations of Street Scene – Bob Taylor or John Davies on info@sstaffs.gov.uk

Tree Operations/Quotes – Andy Aston a.aston@sstaffs.gov.uk

Bereavement – Rebecca Morgan b.morgan@sstaffs.gov.uk

Enviro-crime – Andy Aston or Rachel Porter enviocrime@sstaffs.gov.uk

Ad-hoc work requiring quote – Andy Aston a.aston@sstaffs.gov.uk



Opportunities with Residents, Parishes, Businesses and Schools

We are looking at potential new customers to use our in-house service and if you know anyone who may need a quote on our new service please get in touch with myself on a.aston@sstaffs.gov.uk or call me on 01902 696000 for a **free quotation**.

Our services include:

- Grass cutting
- Hedge trimming
- Shrub pruning
- Weed spraying
- Tree works
- Tree/shrub planting
- Landscaping
- Litter picking
- Fly tipping
- Road sweeping
- Line marking
- Sports ground maintenance
- Community engagement programmes

Any Queries or Issues with work

If you have any queries or issues please don't hesitate to contact the team on 01902 696000 or email streetscene@sstaffs.gov.uk

