

# Clean and Green Newsletter

## December 2023

### Reuse Shop

Our new Reuse Shop allows customers to shop sustainably by buying used items donated by B&NES residents. This January, we are working with Keep Britain Tidy's *Buy Nothing New Month* campaign, to extend the life cycle of products. On our social channels we will be posting hints, tips and ideas about how to support the longevity of products, while also promoting second-hand, good condition, inexpensive items that people can buy to kick-start their New Year fitness regime.



To check for opening times, visit the [Reuse shop webpage](#).

### Community Action

We continue to work with [#NoPlaceForLitter](#) to lend litter picking and weed removal equipment. Find your nearest hub to find out how you can [organise your own litter pick](#) here.

Community Weeding kits are available to loan

Each kit contains  
4 hoes, 2 brushes, 1 shovel

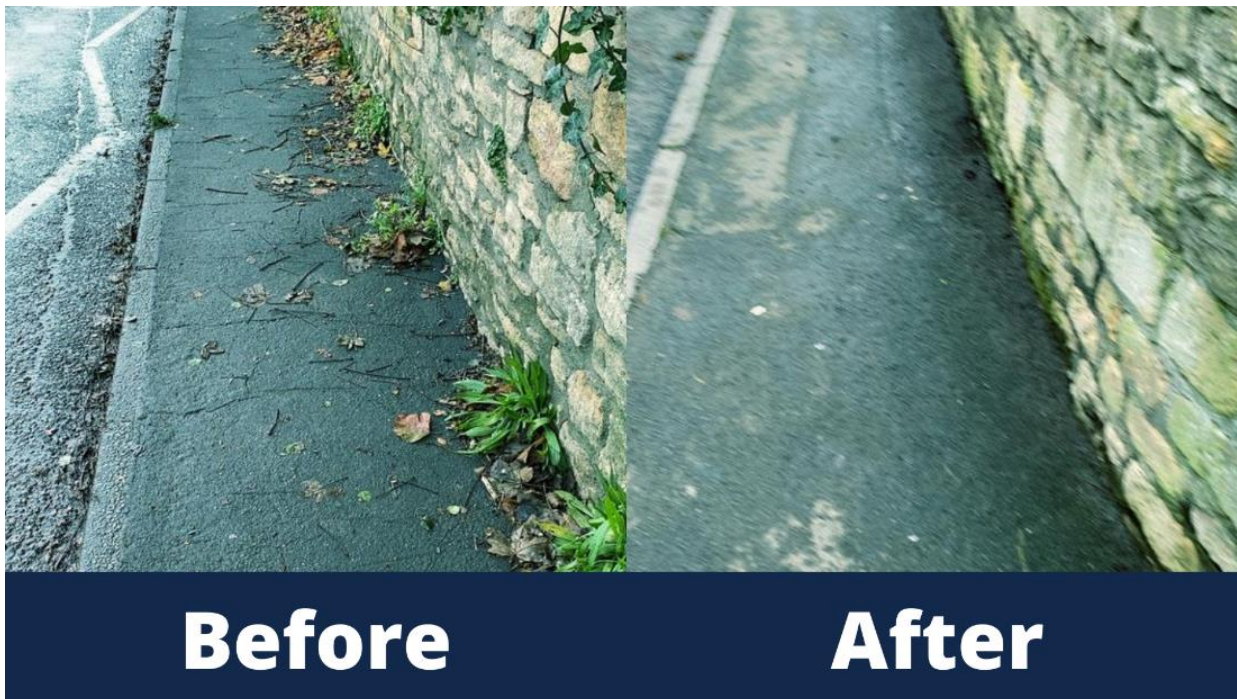
Contact your local  
**#NoPlaceForLitter** hub if you'd  
like to borrow the equipment.



## Keeping B&NES Clean and Green

The Cleansing and Response teams have been fixing and closing reports from [FixMyStreet](#). Cleansing reports relate to weeding, sweeping, litter picking, trimming back overgrown vegetation and cleaning of signs. The teams fixed and closed **40** reports of this nature in December.

### Weed removal and sweeping completed



Weeds and leaves removed from High Street pavement in Bathavon North



Weed removal completed along laneway at Southlands Drive, Timsbury ward

## Overgrown vegetation removed



Overgrown vegetation trimmed back to reveal giveaway road sign on Englishcombe Lane, Moorlands



Vegetation cleared away from signage in Southover A39, High Littleton

## Signage cleaned



Road signs washed on Elmhurst Estate and Catherine Way in Bathavon North

## Graffiti Removal

We continue to support B&NES residents with graffiti clearance in public spaces. Residents can visit the [Report it page](#) to advise our cleansing team of defaced, spray-painted areas.



Green Park Mew in Kingsmead was recently supported with graffiti removal

## Environmental Enforcement

In December, Environmental Enforcement issued **48** penalty notices related to commercial waste, littering, fly-tipping, escape of controlled waste. Littering and fly-tipping inspections are carried out by the team for dangerous and anti-social behaviour.



A repeat offender was caught littering in two separate laybys. The individual was issued two £100 littering fixed penalty notices.

To find out more about Environment Fixed Penalty Fines, please visit our [webpage](#).

## Highway Maintenance and Drainage

Clean and Green's investment supports the budget for roads, filling of grit bins and gully emptying. A busy period in December for gully cleansing with long periods of rainfall and weather warnings resulting in our tankers carrying out mostly reactive works.

## Bereavement Services

### Wildlife and plant species

In December, Bereavement Services announced their collaboration with Avon Wildlife Trust. They have been working together, alongside the Parks department, in a number of our cemeteries. This work has revolved around identifying wildlife and plant species in the cemeteries with a view to drawing up 10-year plans on how best to help protect these species and the environments in which they live or grow, particularly as many are becoming endangered.



### Trees planted

Haycombe Cemetery was generously donated 200 young saplings by The Conservation Volunteers, which were planted in December. These trees will provide hedging and extra trees around the cemetery, particularly on the boundaries, creating habitats for nature and a more sheltered environment from the nearby road.



## Community Feedback

Our teams continue to receive positive feedback from the community in keeping B&NES tidy.

*'Please pass on our thanks to the team for all their hard work.'* – Bathavon North ward councillor

*'Pass on our thanks to the team. Amazing work. It is making such a difference to our parish.'*  
– High Littleton Parish Clerk

*'Resident called to thank the crew that attended the street outside Bathford school to clean up the large amount of slippery leaves. Was very pleased with the quality and efficiency of the work.'*  
– B&NES resident

*'Resident thanking team for so quickly disposing of fly tipping outside of her property – Bath.'*  
– B&NES resident

## Communications

For more information about Clean and Green, visit our page: [www.bathnes.gov.uk/cleanandgreen](http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/cleanandgreen)  
Follow our social media pages for updates on #CleanAndGreen action. Please see listed below.

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