

Clean and Green Newsletter

January 2024

Community Action

On 31 January, the Student Community Partnership organised a litter pick in the community. Student volunteers and Cllr June Player joined the SCP Community Wardens to clear litter along West Avenue, Brook Road and Millmead Road in Westmoreland.



B&NES work with [#NoPlaceForLitter](#) to support individuals and groups to carry out litter picking and weed removal events in the community. Find information about your nearest hub and how to get involved with groups or organise your own litter pick on the [council website](#).

Keeping B&NES Clean and Green

Our teams from Cleansing and Parks and Green Spaces have been busy responding to FixMyStreet reports. These reports relate to overgrown vegetation, cleaning of road signs, weeding, sweeping and litter picking. In January, the teams fixed and closed **69** reports.

Overgrown vegetation removed



Brambles trimmed back away from a residential fence in Fairfield Avenue, Lambridge



Overgrown vegetation cut back to reveal 20mph sign on Bristol Road in Paulton ward

Weed removal and sweeping completed



Weeds and leaves removed along Claverton Down Road, Combe Down



Mud and leaves cleared from gutters in Southstoke in Combe Down



Leaves swept and cleared on Eleanor Close, Twerton ward

Graffiti Removal

B&NES residents can continue using the Report it page to inform our Cleansing team of defaced and graffiti areas in the district. Check out the welcome sign to Brickfields Park in Victoria Close that was cleared of graffiti.



Environmental Enforcement

The Environmental Enforcement team can take action against individuals who commit environmental crimes such as antisocial behaviour that harms the safety or quality of life of the community. In January, the team issued **51** fixed penalty notices related to commercial waste, littering, fly-tipping, and escape of controlled waste.



The team issued several fixed penalty notices to different offenders due to individuals discarding their waste into a bin store. Offenders caught littering were fined between £100 and £150.

Reuse Shop

Our Keynsham shop works with local charities to divert good-condition items from going to waste. The shop collaborates with Mercy in Action, the Petra Project, Julian House, Sofa Project, and Small Stuff Baby Bank. In partnership with Bath Share and Repair, the charity collects small household electrical items which their team PAT tests to ensure the donated products can be sold back into the community. We recently joined up with Small Stuff Baby Bank to provide donations of pre-school to infant supplies. This allows essential items to circulate back into the community, supporting families, carers, and schools.



In January, the Reuse Shop also had a two-week, 50% off sale that coincided with Keep Britain Tidy's #BuyNothingNewMonth. The popular sale generated high footfall, encouraged people to buy sustainably and promoted waste reduction.

A promotional graphic for the Reuse Shop's 50% off sale. The background is a solid blue color. In the top left, a large red starburst contains the text '50% OFF' in white. To the right of this, the text 'Bath & North East Somerset Council' is written in white, with 'Improving People's Lives' underneath it. In the center, a white-bordered photo shows the exterior of the Reuse Shop with the word 'REUSE' in large green letters on the sign. To the right of the photo are several household items: a tennis racket with a yellow ball, a stack of books, a grey sofa, and a brown teddy bear. In the bottom left, a white circular badge contains the text '#BUY NOTHING NEW MONTH' and 'WE ARE SUPPORTING' around the perimeter. At the bottom center, the website address 'bathnes.gov.uk/keynsham-reuse-shop' is written in white.

Visit the [Reuse Shop webpage](#) to check for opening times and what items can be donated.

Highway Maintenance and Drainage

In January, the team inspected **1026** gullies and of which **924** were cleaned. It was a challenging month with prolonged periods of wet and cold weather, and the operational demands this placed on our resources from having to undertake gritting runs. The wet weather at the beginning of January resulted in us completing a higher than usual number of reactive jobs, which are more complex than routine maintenance, resulted in lower than usual numbers.



Community Feedback

Our Waste and Recycling teams continue to receive compliments from residents in keeping B&NES clean and green.

'I requested a street sweeper, they turn up last week and they did a superb job.' – B&NES resident

'My recent Report it (rubbish on protected land . Thank you for your prompt removal of the debris.)' – B&NES resident

'Parish Cllr wanted to pass on their big thanks for the Cleansing team in Camerton today who have been clearing the streets and pavements, and keeping them clean. They are a real credit and they have done a lovely job. They spoke to them in person but also wanted to make sure the managers were aware of the lovely job they have done. Parish Cllr will be passing this on at their next parish council meeting.' – Camerton Parish Council

Communications

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

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