

Clean and Green Newsletter

July 2023

Clean and Green returns for a second year to support priorities across the Parks, Highways, and Cleansing Services. The campaign has received a £1 million investment in keeping B&NES tidy. This newsletter will inform on works completed so far across the services.

Clean and Green Action Weeks

This month, the Clean and Green team visited Moorlands, Widcombe and Lyncombe, Newbridge, Weston, Twerton, Southdown, Westmoreland, and Oldfield Park.

The Clean and Green Response team responded to **40** reports in June related to overgrown vegetation, graffiti, debris, litter, tree, and woodland issues.

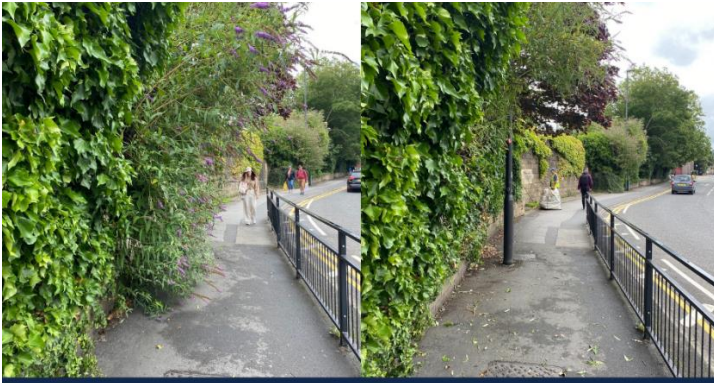
Removal of overgrown vegetation



Overgrown vegetation cut back in Clyde Gardens, Twerton



Overhanging vegetation trimmed on Weston Lane to allow visibility of 20mph road sign in Weston ward



Before

After

Vegetation blocking pavement cut back on Pines Way in Oldfield Park



Before

After

Hedge on North Road cut down to show road sign in Westmoreland ward

Weeding & Sweeping



Before

After

Sweeping action completed on Widcombe Hill, Widcombe and Lyncombe ward



Before

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Weeding and sweeping completed on Avondale Road in Newbridge



Before

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Weeds removed on Brook Road in Westmoreland



Before

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Weed removal completed on Cynthia Road in Westmoreland

Cleaning of equipment



Play area equipment jet-washed clean to remove dirt and stains in Moorlands ward

Graffiti Removal

In July, Clean and Green removed a large area of graffiti placed on the railway arch in Dolemeads. The duration of this work took approximately one week to complete, with 23 hours dedicated to clear spray-painted text and imagery.

The investment allows us to employ a Graffiti Removal Officer to support both domestic and commercial properties. Clean and Green funding paid for the removal of Dolemeads graffiti, including purchase of effective chemicals to be used with a jet-washer to tackle offensive and non-offensive spray-painting.



Graffiti removed on railway arch in Dolemeads, Widcombe and Lyncombe ward

To report graffiti in public spaces, please visit the council's [Report it page](#). Property owners will need to fill out the [online form](#) to request graffiti removal.

Enforcement

Last year, Clean and Green invested in additional deployable cameras and signage to use across the district. This was especially used in heavily littered laybys to tackle littering and fly tipping.

This month, **38** fixed penalty notices were issued from Environmental Enforcement related to commercial waste, littering, fly-tipping, and escape of controlled waste. One of the B&NES cameras caught a man throwing litter in a layby in Dunkerton Hill. He was subsequently issued with a fixed penalty notice of £100.



Littering caught on a B&NES camera in Dunkerton, Bathavon South

To report excessive or dangerous littering in B&NES, visit our [Report it page](#).

Main Road Litter Picking

This year's investment will support increased main road litter picking on A4, A39 and A37. Recently Street Cleansing visited Limeburn Hill and Pagans Hill and cleared **59** bags of litter.



Main road litter picking on Pagans Hill in Chew Stoke, Chew Valley

If you witness fly-tipping, please report it using our [webpage](#).

Love Parks

Love Parks week is a Keep Britain Tidy campaign and an annual celebration of our parks and green spaces. We promoted the campaign through social media alongside Parks, Libraries, and Green Infrastructure team to share messages around appreciating and looking after our parks and green spaces.

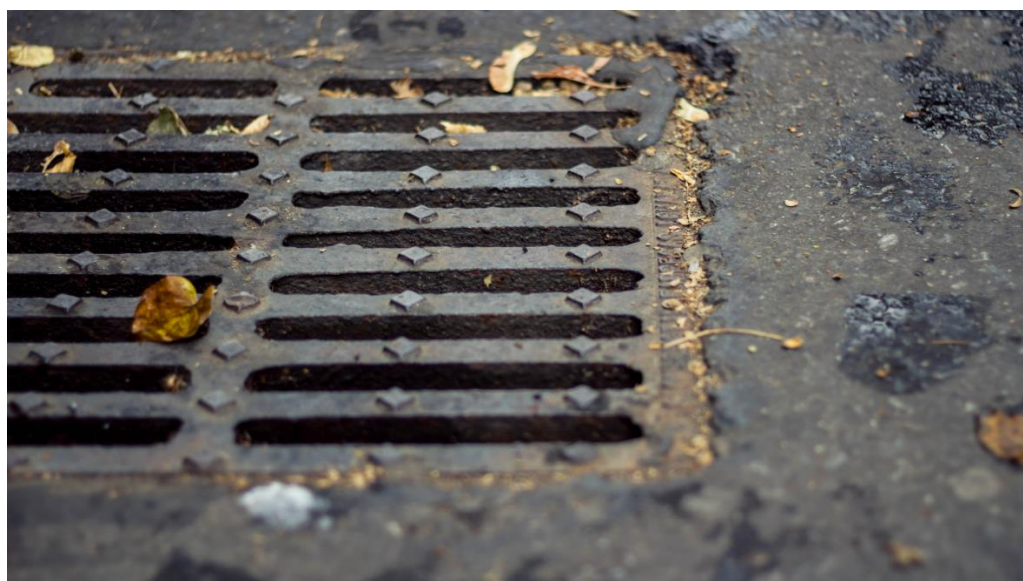
The campaign commenced on 28 July and finished on 6 August 2023. B&NES raised awareness on dog fouling, litter, fly tipping and focus on women's and girls' safety in both parks and green spaces.



To find out more about Love Parks week, visit Keep Britain Tidy's [page](#).

Highway Maintenance and Drainage

Clean and Green 2023/24 funding will contribute to Highways maintenance budget for roads, filling of grit bins and gully emptying. In July, the team inspected **2172** gullies of which **1838** were cleaned.



B&NES residents can report a blocked drain on the [Report it page](#).

Community Feedback

A big thank you to all the community members sending in their feedback.

“Thank you for the teams’ hard work in making such a difference to these locations. It is appreciated.” – Westmoreland ward councillor

“Complaints come your way quick enough but, on this occasion, please thank and congratulate the people concerned for carrying out this work, they have done a superb job along the entire length and the pavement is a pleasure to use!” – B&NES resident

“Pavement weeding at Barton Buildings. I just wanted to drop a line to say what an amazing job was done of the weeding of the street a couple of weeks ago. The man doing it was super very friendly and extremely meticulous - there wasn’t a single weed left! Really impressive and makes such a difference to the street so a massive thank you to him!” – B&NES resident

“Caller wanted to congratulate the team that just cleaned station road in Keynsham. WAS very pleased with the result” – B&NES resident

“I reported the problem of excessive vegetation growing into and flopping over the pathway and steps opposite my house a week ago. I have done a lot of clearing myself in the past but this was too much for me to tackle. Today a team of three arrived and made a fantastic job of clearing it all away, leaving it neat and clean. I have previously seen some street gutters being very poorly cleared but this was excellent and it will make a huge difference to everyone using that route, in terms of safety and psychologically. Thank you.” – B&NES resident

“On Monday of this week 10th July there was a council worker/manual street sweeper on his knees digging out all of the weeds from between the paving slabs with a kitchen knife on Wood Street Bath. He did a fabulous job! Should be commended.” – B&NES resident

Communications

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