

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

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.

Community Action

We had our second joint community litter pick in Weston on June 14. 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.

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

Please visit the Council's [report it page](#) to report a public highways issue or cleansing issue.



Weeding and sweeping completed along Excelsior Street, Widcombe and Lyncombe



Weeding and sweeping completed along Triangle West, Westmoreland



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

Graffiti

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

Our Graffiti Removal Officer is responding to private property reports. If you are a homeowner or and business owner, you must fill out this [form](#) to request graffiti to be removed from the property. One of our operatives and the Response team will be responding to reports of graffiti on public property.

Since the launch, 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** reports related to graffiti on public property since June 6. Please visit the Council's [report it page](#) to report graffiti.



Graffiti removed from a domestic property on Bradford Road, Combe Down

Communications

Visit our [Clean and Green webpage](#) for more information about the 12-month campaign.

Follow our social media pages, which are listed below, for updates on #CleanAndGreen action.

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