

Clean and Green Newsletter June – July 2024

This newsletter includes the latest updates on activities completed across Parks, Cleansing and Highways services as a result of extra investment to help keep B&NES tidy.

In May and June our teams from Cleansing and Parks and Green Spaces, have responded to and resolved 740 reports. These [reports](#) relate to overgrown vegetation, cleaning of road signs, weeding, sweeping and litter picking.

Here are some examples of what we have been up to in the past couple of months.



Vegetation removal at the Archery Fields, Weston Park West, Weston.



Vegetation removal at Purlewent Drive, Laneway, Weston.

Graffiti Removal



In May and June, 29 reports were completed from FixMyStreet, in relation to graffiti removal. Check out the before and after difference of cleansing action at Avon Walkway, Bath and Midland Road, Bath. The removal process includes a jet-washer and graffiti removal wipes to tackle offensive and non-offensive text and imagery.

For more information on graffiti removal, please visit our [website](#).

Environmental Enforcement

The Environmental Enforcement team carry out checks across the district for fly-tipping and littering, especially in hotspot areas such as lay-bys. In May and June, 41 penalty notices were issued relating to commercial waste, littering, fly-tipping, and escape of controlled waste.



Fly tipping on Bath Old Road, Radstock was reported on 10th June, and removed on the 11th June. Unfortunately, no evidence found on this occasion.

Find more information on Environmental Enforcement here:
<https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/pay-environmental-enforcement-fine>

Highways Maintenance and Drainage

To reduce the chance of flooding and keep our drainage network working effectively, the highways service inspected 1716 gullies and cleaned 1606 in May. They were equally busy in June with a further 1744 gullies inspected and 1627 cleaned.

Residents can report gully problems by visiting the Report It page:

<http://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/report-problems-drains-or-flooding>



Clean and Green funding also contributes to increased main road litter picking support on A4, A39 and A37. This June, the Street Cleansing team attended to Marksbury, The Globe, Hicks Gate Roundabout along the A4174 to the South Gloucestershire Boundary and from Hicks Gate along the A4 to Broadmead Roundabout. The team cleared 230 bags of litter in total.

Community Engagement

Keynsham Recycling Centre hosts local primary school to educate them about reducing, reusing and recycling their waste



During April, May and June we hosted Year 5 pupils from Saltford CofE Primary, Chandag Primary and St Keyna Primary at our new training room in Keynsham Recycling Hub. The aim of the workshop was to educate the children about recycling, reusing, and reducing their waste, with a focus on electrical waste. The sessions and the travel for the schools was fully funded by Valpak, our electrical compliance contractor. Children's Scrapstore led the children in using their creative skills to imagine new purposes for electrical waste items.

Student Move Out



During May, June and July the Student Community Partnership and project officers from the Council's waste team have been busy visiting 61 streets across Bath to give advice to over 3000 properties about what to do with their unwanted items and last bits of waste and recycling at the end of their academic year. To further support this,

the British Heart Foundation installed temporary donation banks in student areas across Bath. This has helped provide valuable resources for British Heart Foundation.

For more information, visit: <https://scpbath.org.uk/get-support/moving/moving-out-2/>

Fire Safety Awareness



The waste team recently teamed up with Avon and Somerset Fire Service to produce information tags to raise awareness about the risk of fires when batteries are discarded wrongly. The team spent 8 weeks during May, June, and July speaking to residents across B&NES and attaching the tags to recycling boxes to remind residents how to safely recycle batteries, vapes, small electricals and gas canisters. The areas were chosen by the collection crews to target roads where they find recycling is less often sorted.

The team are continuing to promote a new webpage set up to support this initiative and will continue to use the tags when carrying out engagement work. Please visit: www.bathnes.gov.uk/waste-collection-safety for more information

Thank you for helping us to protect the environment and keep our crews safe

Need more information?

Need some information quickly, below are useful links, this will take you to our most frequently asked questions that we get asked.

For Information on all things Rubbish and Recycling

<https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/rubbish-and-recycling>

Unsure of your collection day?

<https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/webforms/waste/collectionday/>

Recycling Information

<https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/recycling>

Rubbish Information (not literally!)

<https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/rubbish>

For further information on our services

Visit our pages: <https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/rubbish-and-recycling>

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