

Clean and Green Newsletter

November 2023

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

Graffiti Removal

Our Graffiti Removal Officer supports the Clean and Green campaign by cleaning spray-painted, defaced areas across B&NES. Business owners can also use this service but will need to pay an at-cost charge. To request this service, property owners can fill out the [graffiti removal request online form](#).



Post box on Twerton High Street cleared of graffiti and weeds.

For information on graffiti clearance in public spaces, please visit the council's [Report it page](#).

Environmental Enforcement

Littering and fly-tipping inspections are carried out by the Environmental Enforcement team. Environmental Officers issue penalty notices for dangerous and anti-social behaviour which impact the safety and quality of life of the community. In November, **40** penalty notices were issued related to commercial waste, littering, fly-tipping, and escape of controlled waste.

To report fly-tipping in B&NES, click here: <https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/report-fly-tipping>

Keeping Bath & North East Somerset Clean and Green

The Clean and Green teams are responding to litter picking, weeding, sweeping, overgrown vegetation, cleaning of signs and woodland issues. The Cleansing and Response teams fixed and closed **76** reports of this nature in November.

The teams visited Newbridge, Weston, Twerton, Southdown, Westmoreland, Oldfield Park and Midsomer Norton. See below the before and after impact from works completed.

Weed removal and sweeping completed



Weeds cleared along laneway at Third Avenue in Oldfield Park



Penn Lea Road was supported with weeding and sweeping action in Newbridge ward

Overgrown vegetation removed



Before

After

Ivy and brambles cut away from hedgerow on Newbridge Open Space to allow space for growth. The area was completed with wood chip to suppress weeds.



Before

After

The Response team trimmed overgrown vegetation blocking a roundabout sign on Frome Road, Odd Down ward



Before

After

Vegetation cut back on Tunley Road to support sign visibility in Bathavon South

Highway Maintenance and Drainage

Clean and Green's investment supports the budget for roads, filling of grit bins and gully emptying. The team inspected **1834** gullies of which **1468** were cleaned in November.

October and November were very wet months, as a result we experienced a significant increase in the number of reactive jobs where we were responding to reports of blocked gullies, for most of the month we had a tanker dedicated to reacting to these reports.



Community Action

On 29 November, University of Bath students participated in a local litter pick organised by the Student Union's Volunteering team. Students supported litter clearance on Locksbrook Campus and the Bristol and Bath railway path. The group collected **4** bags of litter.



We continue to work [#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.

Reuse Shop

Our new Reuse Shop at the Keynsham Recycling Centre has been open for just over a month enabling B&NES residents to donate good-condition items for resale. This provides an opportunity for items to be redirected away from landfill and allows customers to shop sustainably. Revenue from the shop will cover staffing costs, and any remaining income will contribute to the council's wider recycling services. We work with Julian House, Mercy in Action, the Petra Project and the council's Welfare team to divert goods of use to the charities. Bath Share and Repair PAT test small home electrical products and source items from the Reuse Shop to support their library of things initiative.



Visit the [Reuse Shop webpage](#) to check for opening times, information on donating items and to find other ways to reuse items.

Dorothy House Christmas tree collection

Christmas tree collections from Dorothy House Hospice Care has been running since 2017. The charity works in partnership with JustHelping to support residents with the disposal of their festive trees. Residents across Wiltshire and Bath can register their real Christmas trees to be collected throughout January 2024.

Benefits of registering allows residents to responsibly recycle their trees whilst helping to support the charity. The donated trees are chipped and which is then used to suppress weeds.

Registrations will close on 7 January at midnight. Visit [JustHelping webpage](#) to register.

Waste collection days

In November, we posted our annual recycling leaflet to all B&NES residents. Recycling and rubbish collection dates across B&NES will be revised over Christmas and New Year period. There will be no waste collections on Christmas Day, Boxing Day, and New Years Day.

Residents can view, download and print the revised Christmas collection dates here: www.bathnes.gov.uk/webforms/waste/collectionday

West of England Recycles campaign

B&NES are teaming up with Bristol Waste Company, South Gloucestershire Council and North Somerset Recycling and Waste team. The organisations will encourage reducing waste during the festive season by utilising social media channels to show various ways to cut down on waste. West of England partner authorities will post on social media platforms throughout December, advising residents to reduce, reuse, repair, and recycle items.



Community Feedback

'Please do pass on my thanks to the team for having done this. Looks excellent now.' – Westmoreland ward councillor

'Brilliant work well done.' – Odd Down ward councillor

'Thanks to the team for the efforts taken...Still more to do in Oldfield Park ward but I am grateful for the works that have been carried out.' – Oldfield Park ward councillor

'Well done to the team.' – B&NES resident

'We visited your lovely city on the 28th of November and loved how clean it was. Anyway we needed directions and a street cleaner gave us directions and showed us how to get a digital map on our phones, he was really nice and helpful.' – B&NES resident

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.

Facebook: [@RecycleforBathnes](https://www.facebook.com/RecycleforBathnes) [@Bath&NorthEastSomersetCouncil](https://www.facebook.com/Bath&NorthEastSomersetCouncil)

Instagram: [@BathnesCouncil](https://www.instagram.com/BathnesCouncil)

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