

# Clean and Green Newsletter

## October 2022

The Clean and Green Campaign is running until March 2023 to tackle cleaning priorities across B&NES. This newsletter is an update on works completed so far as part of the campaign.

### Clean and Green Action Weeks

In October the Clean and Green team visited Mendip, Chew Valley, Peasedown, Paulton, Walcot, Bathwick, Keynsham, Moorlands and Widcombe and Lyncombe for action weeks.

The Clean and Green Response team responded to **111** reports in October related to overgrown vegetation, dirty signs, graffiti, and littering. Since 6 June, the team have fixed and closed **550** reports.

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



Leaves and weeds removed from Somerset way footpath, Paulton



Sweeping and weed removal completed along Wellsway Road, Widcombe and Lyncombe



Weed removal completed between Caroline Close and Lays Drive, Keynsham North



Weed removal completed along Frankley Buildings, Walcot



## Community Action

Litter pickers were offered to all primary schools across B&NES as part of the Clean and Green campaign. In October we did joint litter picks with Paulton Junior School, Bathwick St. Mary Church School, and Chandag Junior School. We also joined dedicated volunteers from the community groups Friends of Lyncombe Hill Fields and Friends of Moorlands Park to do some joint clean and green action

### Paulton Junior School

On October 14, we joined the Eco Club from Paulton Junior School to litter pick the local area including Paulton Memorial Park, Rudgeway Road, Mendip Close. Six bags of litter were collected.



### Bathwick St. Mary Church School

On October 20, we did a joint litter pick with Bathwick St. Mary Church School. The school have previously organised their own litter picks and were well equipped. The children were split into two groups and litter picked around the Bathwick estate collecting 6 full bags of litter.

Mrs McHugh, teacher at Bathwick St Mary Church School, said: *“Our pupils all tackled the litter pick with great enthusiasm and commitment on the day. They all understand the impact that litter can have and the threat to wildlife and are keen to do something about it. They enjoyed being able to serve and help our local community.*”



## Friends of Lyncombe Hill Fields

Friends of Lyncombe Hill are a dedicated group of volunteers keeping the area clean and tidy for the community to enjoy.

On November 2, we supported Friends of Lyncombe Hill volunteers with weeding and cutting back vegetation along Greenway Lane to tidy up the footpath.



## Chandag Junior School

On November 3, we had a Community Action Day with the Eco-Warrior team from Chandag Junior School. The school were recipients of the litter pickers B&NES distributed.

The team included 14 children aged between 7-10 years old. The pupils collected 4 bags of litter in the local area surrounding the school.



## Friends of Moorlands Park

Friends of Moorlands Park frequently litter pick around the park helping to keep the community clean and green.

On November 4, we did a joint litter pick with volunteers from Friends of Moorlands Park. We litter picked around the park and surrounding streets collecting 12 full bags of litter.



Please contact [CleanAndGreen@Bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:CleanAndGreen@Bathnes.gov.uk) if you would like to organise a joint Clean and Green event in your local area.

## Highways Maintenance and Drainage

Highways services have been continuing to do routine gully emptying and refreshing road markings. In October, Highways inspected **2490** gullies of which **2327** were cleaned.

## Graffiti Removal

In October, there were **27** graffiti reports on Fix My Street, of which **19** have been fixed/ closed.

As part of the Clean and Green campaign we have been able to extend our graffiti removal service to include free graffiti removal for domestic properties and an at cost charge for commercial properties. Since June, we have had **10** graffiti removal requests for domestic properties which have all been completed.

To remove graffiti from a domestic or commercial building we need the property owner to fill out our [online form](#).



Graffiti removed from a domestic property on Sydney Buildings in Bath

## Communications

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

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