

Clean and Green Newsletter

September 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.

Highway Maintenance and Drainage

Clean and Green's funding supports Highways maintenance budget for roads, filling of grit bins and gully emptying. The team inspected **1850** gullies of which **1505** were cleaned in September.



Highway Inspector repairing pothole in Upton Lane, Chew Magna



Our Inspectors support pothole maintenance by monitoring the highway network, ensuring safety of residents and road users.

Environmental Enforcement

The team carry out checks across the district for fly-tipping and littering, especially in hotspot areas such as lay-bys. This month, **50** penalty notices were issued relating to commercial waste, littering, fly-tipping, and escape of controlled waste.

Enforcement Officers recently issued a penalty notice of £100 to an offender for littering in B&NES. See below camera footage of the individual committing an offence.



The previous Clean and Green investment secured additional deployable cameras and signage to catch and deter offenders. Visit our website to report fly-tipping: <https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/report-fly-tipping>

Graffiti Removal

2023/24 funding will contribute to another year of delivering graffiti removal service to residents and business owners across B&NES. The process includes a jet-washer and graffiti removal wipes to tackle offensive and non-offensive text and imagery. In September, **25** reports were completed from FixMyStreet, in relation to graffiti removal. Check out the before and after difference of cleansing action in Paulton.



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.

Clean and Green Action Weeks

This month, the Clean and Green Cleansing and Response teams visited Kingsmead, River Avon path, Combe Down, Odd Down, Lansdown, Lambridge, Publow and Whitchurch and Clutton and Farmborough.

The Clean and Green team cover cleansing priorities such as litter picking, weeding, and sweeping requests. The Response team support reports relating to overgrown vegetation, tree, and woodland issues. Altogether, the teams responded to **69** reports in September.

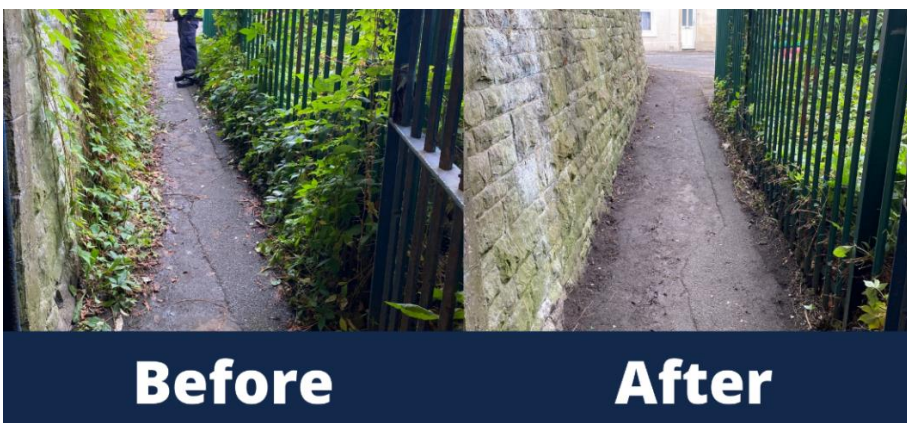
Overgrown vegetation removed



Overgrown vegetation covering road sign cleared on Weston Park East, Weston ward



Vegetation edging towards road path cut back on Farrier Way, Publow and Whitchurch



Vegetation blocking pathway on Westmoreland Street, removed to support clearance in Oldfield Park

Weed removal and sweeping completed



Weed removal action completed on Edward Street in Kingsmead ward



New Road bus shelter was cleared of weeds and leaves in Pensford, Publow and Whitchurch



Weeding and sweeping completed on Bradford Road, Combe Down

Student Move-in

The annual Student Move-in campaign is supported by B&NES Council and Student Community Partnership (SCP). B&NES Waste Education team and SCP attended Fresher Fairs at Bath Spa University and University of Bath. This enabled students to gain guidance on waste and recycling.

From 25 September, the Waste Education team and (SCP) commenced door knocking at student properties. The team will continue this over the next eight weeks, handing out leaflets, a waste collection calendar, and advice on how to present all rubbish and recycling.

A digital waste education leaflet has also been sent to all letting companies across B&NES, which can be circulated to all new occupants in rented accommodation.



The Student Community Partnership and the Waste Education team at University of Bath's Freshers' Fair

Community Action

Clean and Green recently lent equipment to the University of Bath's Rugby Squad team. The team received 38 litter pickers and 38 Hi-Vis to ensure cleansing action could be supported safely. Players visited B&NES wards, including Westmoreland, Twerton, Kingsmead and Southdown.



Visit our [webpage](#) to borrow litter picking and weed removal equipment.

Reuse Shop

A new Reuse Shop opened on 25 October at the Keynsham Reuse and Recycling Centre. B&NES residents can donate pre-loved items such as furniture, toys, bric-a-brac, books and more. Items will need to be clean, working, and unbroken to be sold at the shop or diverted to local charity partners. For full details, please visit our website www.bathnes.gov.uk/reuse



The Reuse Shop is located on the lower level of the one-way system

Community Feedback

Our teams continue to receive positive feedback from the community in keeping B&NES tidy.

'Thank you for the work your team did in Kingsmead last week, and for sharing the before and after photos' – Kingsmead councillor

Thank you to the team who have been cleaning The Shrubbery, off Lansdown Road/next to Hope House. It looks great and the team are a credit being so cheerful, polite and thorough. – B&NES resident

Just to say thank you to the team who worked on grass cutting in Mountain Wood today Wed.5 Sept. A pleasure to have them cutting the grass, made a good job of it , many thanks to them. – 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.

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