

Clean and Green Newsletter February - March 2024

Keeping B&NES Clean and Green

Our teams from Cleansing and Parks and Green Spaces have been busy responding to [FixMyStreet](#) reports. These reports relate to overgrown vegetation, cleaning of road signs, weeding, sweeping and litter picking. In February, the teams fixed and closed **66** reports.

The teams continue to visit wards to respond to cleansing action. Watch our [short video](#) on how you can report issues on FixMyStreet.

Overgrown vegetation removed



Vegetation cut away from bus stop on Lower Bristol Road, Clutton and Farmborough



Vegetation trimmed and sweeping completed in Charlotte Street car park, Kingsmead

Weed removal and sweeping completed



Weeds and leaves removed on Lower Bristol Road, Twerton ward



Weed removal and sweeping completed along Lower Bristol Road, Twerton



Weeds and leaves cleared from Weston Road, Weston

Graffiti Removal

Residents can report graffiti through the [Report it webpage](#) to inform our Cleansing team of spray-painted text and imagery. The team use graffiti removal wipes, a jet-washer, and effective chemicals to tackle offensive and non-offensive spray-paint.



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

Environmental Enforcement

In February, the team issued **65** fixed penalty notices related to commercial waste, littering and fly-tipping and the escape of controlled waste. Environmental Enforcement can catch offenders not disposing of waste properly and permitting dog fouling in public areas.

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

Highway Maintenance and Drainage

Highway services continue to carry out gully cleansing action to maintain our drainage network to keep it running efficiently and to help prevent flooding. In February, the team inspected **1704** gullies of which **1413** were cleaned. The team had another month of prolonged wet weather, resulting in higher operational demands and an increased number of reactive jobs, which are more complex than routine maintenance, resulting in a lower than usual number of gully cleans.

Residents can report gully problems by visiting the Report it page: <https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/report-problems-drains-or-flooding>

Community Action

B&NES work with [#NoPlaceForLitter](#) to support individuals and groups to carry out litter picking and weed removal events in the community. Find information about your nearest hub and how to get involved with groups or to organise your own litter pick on the [council website](#).



Community Weeding kits are available to loan

Each kit contains
4 hoes, 2 brushes, 1 shovel

Contact your local **#NoPlaceForLitter** hub if you'd like to borrow the equipment.

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Great British Spring Clean

Keep Britain Tidy's Great British Spring Clean is the biggest mass-action environmental campaign in the UK. This year, the campaign will run from 15 – 31 March. Keep Britain Tidy welcome individuals of all ages to participate in litter picking. Last year, volunteers pledged to pick more than 400,000 bags of litter.

To get involved as an individual, group or school, please visit Keep Britain Tidy's [website](#).

Great Avon River Pick

#NoPlaceForLitter have organised their third annual Great Avon litter pick event to coincide with the Great British Spring Clean. The event will be taking place on Saturday 16 March 2024. Dedicated volunteers will be litter picking along the Avon River in Bath and North East Somerset, Bradford on Avon, Hanham Lock, Conham River Park and Eastwood Farm Nature Reserve.

A big thank you to #NoPlaceForLitter for planning this amazing event and to all the committed individuals who will be taking part.

Keynsham Recycling Hub

In April 2023, phase one of Keynsham Recycling Hub on Pixash Lane, Keynsham was completed. The first phase provided a centre for public household waste, reuse, and recycling for B&NES residents. The final phase was completed on 6 February to support as an operational hub to deliver recycling and waste collections and vehicle servicing.

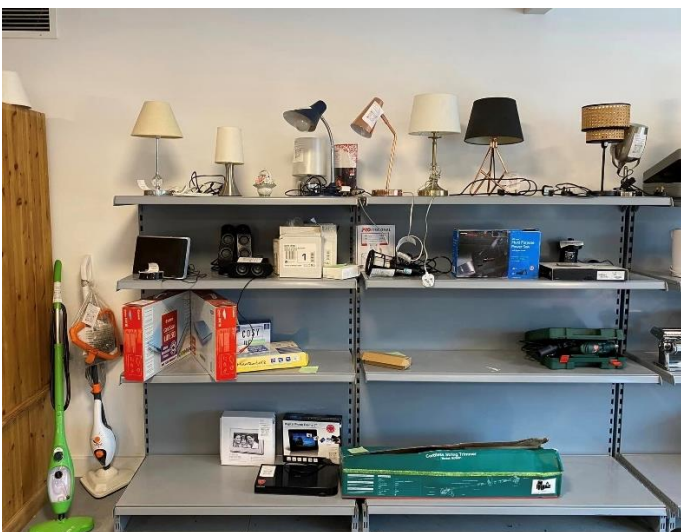
The Hub offers on-site MOT and Servicing Centre for council, public and commercial vehicles. This includes car, motorcycles, motorhomes, minibuses, HGVs, and vans. Booking MOTs can be done through the [council webpage](#) or by contacting Transport Services:

Email: Mot_bookings@bathnes.gov.uk

Phone: 01225 477314.

Reuse Shop

The Reuse shop recently showcased sports, gardening, and electrical items - all of which have been donated by B&NES residents. Our bargains start at 50p for bric-a-brac and 20p for crockery and books. We have also created a vintage section in the store to highlight high-value, antique collectibles. The Reuse shop has something for everyone, including gifts for family, friends and furry pals.



Looking to donate or shopping for treasure? Find the Reuse Shop opening times here:

<https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/keynsham-reuse-shop>

Community Feedback

Resident was struggling with the state of the pavement outside his property due to the amount of moss, meaning he was slipping and sliding. Three members of the Cleansing team attended and they cleared all the weeds and moss away, particularly on the pavement, and it's like a different property. They did a superb job, thank you! – B&NES resident

Crew swept Audley Close and Audley Park in Bath and did a great job- thank you very much! – B&NES resident

I just wanted to say a huge THANK YOU to the kind [person] who dealt with the dog poo outside my house in absolute record speed after reporting it on Fix My Street. It's a regular occurrence. For now though, I just wanted to say THANK YOU again to the man who arrived in his highways maintenance van with a shovel. Hero. – B&NES resident

Priston litter pickers reported a car battery dumped high up in a hedge on Saturday and by [reporting I] had received confirmation it had been dealt with. Thank you so much, I'm impressed and very grateful to you. – B&NES resident

Very impressed with pavement weeding and cleaning, it's been a long time. Kindly thank the team, they have done a great job. – B&NES resident

I reported a vandalised bin in Writhlington, Radstock on 13th February on Fix My Street. Within two days a new one had been installed and the remains of the destroyed bin removed. Would you please pass on my thanks to the team. Their swift and efficient action is much appreciated. – B&NES resident

Street cleaners came to clear the pavements on Upper Bristol Road beyond Hartwell's garage and did a fantastic job. They were really good and had a lovely manner. Thank you very much! – B&NES resident

Hi - sending my appreciation to the team who cleaned up the weeds and mud on Upper Bristol Road this morning from the park to Newbridge. Great job! Thanks. – B&NES resident

Came to Bath from Canterbury for a short break. Was so impressed by the efforts to keep the streets clean, and waste bins empty. Great job by all concerned. Canterbury City Council could learn from you. Just a delight to see a city rubbish free, made all the difference. Keep up the investment and good work. Made for a pleasant stay. Thank you. – B&NES visitor

Communications

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