



Cabinet Member Report for Environment

Northampton Borough Council

Monday 8 June 2015

Environmental Health

Since 1 April 2015 a total of 24 fixed penalty notices have been served, 16 for littering, 5 for smoke free offences and 3 for waste offences. There are a number of prosecutions pending for waste offences.

The Council has supported Noise Action Week and Food Safety Week, publicising national campaign information in support of the education and enforcement work undertaken.

Northampton in Bloom

Preparations for Bloom are continuing. It is expected that the installation of the barrier baskets and hanging baskets together with the summer planting of the flower beds will be taking place in early June. The three tier planters will also be installed at this time.

Neighbourhood Wardens

We have introduced a new Town Centre route for the Neighbourhood Wardens to patrol twice a day. This is to provide a uniformed high profile presence in key areas by patrolling a programmed list of streets; once in the morning and again in the afternoon. The Neighbourhood Warden will encourage and engage with the local businesses, residents and shoppers to facilitate positive changes in any anti-social behaviour.

The Neighbourhood Warden will be in radio contact with the Council's CCTV Control Room, so that they can be diverted immediately to any instance that might arise.

Already they are regularly engaging with street drinkers and beggars, as well as arranging for the removal of fly-posters, fly-tipping and waste out early.

It is hoped that after a few weeks, those that act in an anti-social manner in the town centre will know that they will be dealt with and that their behaviour will not be tolerated. This will lead to a more inviting town centre for all to enjoy, as we move towards the summer months.

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