

**BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Environment Committee**  
**Thursday 15 September 2022**

**Information Report**

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**1. Allotments**

The water meters on all sites are read monthly and those readings are submitted to wave to get as accurate a bill as possible.

Bolam

The raised meter has been installed on the Cottage Gardens meter on the Bolam site and this is allowing us to read the meter where we could not before.

Beatrice

A water leak was reported on the Beatrice site in late August, and this led to the discovery of an illegal connection. This was found to be supplying water to the neighbouring land which has horses on, our contractors attended and removed the connection. The agents acting on behalf of the owner have been contacted and they have been informed by letter that they will be held responsible for any future connections if found.

Wensleydale

Two plots have been strimmed and rotavated prior to them being divided to make four plots and these now have tenants on them, have been charged a pro rata rent.

## **2. Play Areas**

### Burns Ave

The floor pad of the multi-unit was vandalised in late July and has been securely fenced off while we await the delivery of the replacement part.

Three additional cradle swings were ordered from Kompan to replace the current ones in three play areas.

## **3. Bins**

We continue to install new bins when requested such as the two in Devonworth Place, Park Road the Ward Cllrs requested these, and we are now awaiting delivery of a consignment of new bins to replenish our stock and in addition to these we have also ordered 20 replacement polythene inners as opposed to metal inners.

The Neat Team Operatives are reporting to Officers that some of the metal liners are starting to rust and rot around the bases and the replacements will stop this and the metal ones also get crushed when they are vandalised.

## **4. Bus Shelters**

All the previous repairs were completed, we have since the last information report 10 individual shelters have been vandalised in various Wards. The worst of these is the shelter against the library which has had two roof panels damaged and these are being replaced with metal panels. The other shelters are having a mixture of metal and mesh panels installed over the coming weeks.

## **5. Defibrillators**

In the past two months we have received notifications concerning the battery status, on the first occasion our units were not the ones affected. On the second occasion the serial numbers showed they could be faulty and they were on recall. The necessary forms and dates for pick-up were completed and the pickup date was 30/08/2022 which took place. Replacements were requested and they were delivered on 01/09/2022 and were taken and placed in the cabinets and these have all now emergency ready.

## **6. CCTV Systems**

In the past months requests have been made for systems to be relocated to other areas for ASB or other reasons. These moves have been carried out with the consent of the Ward Cllrs to the following locations, these include the Isabella Pavilion, Isabella Heap and Beaumont Street. The latest system to be moved is in conjunction with the Police and NCC to Holystone Avenue because of a rise in ASB in that area.

## **7. Speed Sensors**

The batteries on 8 sensors are changed every two weeks and this includes the downloading of the data on each sensor. That data is shared with the Police and Highways who can then identify locations to deploy the mobile speed camera and the handheld speed guns. While downloading data from some of the systems we started encountering issues and that resulted in two units being sent back to Morelock Signs. One unit was replaced with a new one and the other had a system update and they were both returned and are back in their locations. Morelock also emailed the system update to Officers who have since updated a further 4 systems remotely. The system that was on the inbound side of Amersham Road (south) has now been switched to the outbound side (north) and we will see what data the sensors uncover.

Another system has been installed on Malvins Road and again we will see what information the data supplies over the coming weeks. A breakdown of all the sensor data is updated on the BTC website.

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