

REPORT

Report to:	Town Clerk		
Restricted Report:	No		
Restricted to:	N/A		
Date:	11/01/2021		
Title:	Environmental enforcement report January 2021		
Ward(s) Affected:	All Wards		
Relevant WP/ Committee:	FBOS		
Key Decision:		Procurement Method:	N/A
Urgent Decision:		Date next steps can be taken: (e.g. referral on of recommendation or implementation of substantive decision)	
Appropriate pre-decision notification given to ward member if delegated?			N/A
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Recommendation(s)

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This report is submitted with an update of patrol areas and hotspots as per relevant PSPO's and information/complaints from members of the public and Councillors during the months of November and December 2020.

Due to new COVID-19 restrictions and social distancing guidelines implemented on 04/11/2020 the town centre and associated areas were only sporadically patrolled.

This was until 27th November 2020 when we undertook training to become the authorised "COVID Ambassadors" for Cornwall Council covering Newquay in its entirety.

Enhanced patrols have been carried out since that date in the Town Centre, Chester Road and Prow Park, ensuring that businesses are conforming to COVID Regulations as set down by Government.

Hotspots for the month of November and December are as follows: -

Following complaints received by members of the public with reference to dog fouling in Atlantic Road Cemetery regular patrols were carried out and warning signage was placed at the entrance to the Cemetery. Within a week the dog fouling had abated by a significant amount. Regular patrols will carry on in this area to negate this problem from reoccurring.

During our regular patrols it became apparent that dog owners using the Goat Track at St Columb Minor were picking up their dog faeces but then tying the poo bags to the Goat Track Bridge. We have placed signs in predominant locations along the track and have carried out regular patrols which has had a marked reduction in poo bags being left at the location.

Even though we have concentrated our patrols on COVID compliance and the hotspots we have endeavoured to patrol as many areas as possible such as the Boating Lake and the Skatepark. A total of 25 warnings have been issued over the 2 months.

There have been two meetings of interested stakeholders addressing the littering problem at the Skatepark. Some ideas have been taken forward and are in a planning stage to alleviate the littering.

COVID Compliance Report w/c 11 January:

Daily patrols have been carried out in the Town Centre, Chester Road and Prow Park Industrial Estate. All premises visited have been conforming to the COVID Regulations. This included actually assisting one business in the Town Centre organize their queueing system so it is in line with the COVID Regulations.

Social distancing and the stay-at-home advice has been largely adhered to, but there are small pockets of society that continue to ignore it.

This has been very apparent at the Skatepark where the Fencing is not fit for purpose, with Skaters climbing up the embankment at the rear of the park to gain access.

When I have pointed out the closure, on occasions, I have received verbal abuse from both Children and Adults alike. The occasional Police presence I believe would be beneficial in getting the word across.