

# CSNPC Contract report

## September 2026

### Street Scene

There have been no serious issue through September for the litter team, with all bins being emptied in line with frequencies. Normally around this time of year the litter tends to lighten up but with the continued good weather through the month this hasn't been the case. Through the latter part of the month we installed 10 new bins of which four are in new locations, Mannington Rec (by MUGA), Crowdys Footpath, Pinehurst Road bus stop, Penhill Drive (bus stop adjacent 415) and Moredon Road bus stop (adjacent 200 Moredon Rd) these have been added to the rounds and this brings the running total of bins up to 207. I am of the understanding that more are on order and will be positioned during the coming months. Through the month we have had to put some of the vehicles used by these teams in the garage for MOT's and services, where possible we have utilised spare vehicles, when these were not available, we had to double up the teams. Fortunately, we have set up an account with a new garage and the turn around has been super quick, no longer than one shift per vehicle. We have cleared 25 small fly-tips through this period, of which 21 have been on the highway, a large portion of these have been along Gorsehill and are coming from the HMO's and vary from the odd bag to numerous. The remaining 4 have been on the open spaces and consisted of mixed household waste/items. Unfortunately, the issues with waste coming from the flats above the old Co-op continues, I know the Ops Manager is working hard to get a resolution but is proving to be difficult!

The weights taken in to the tip this month are as follows,

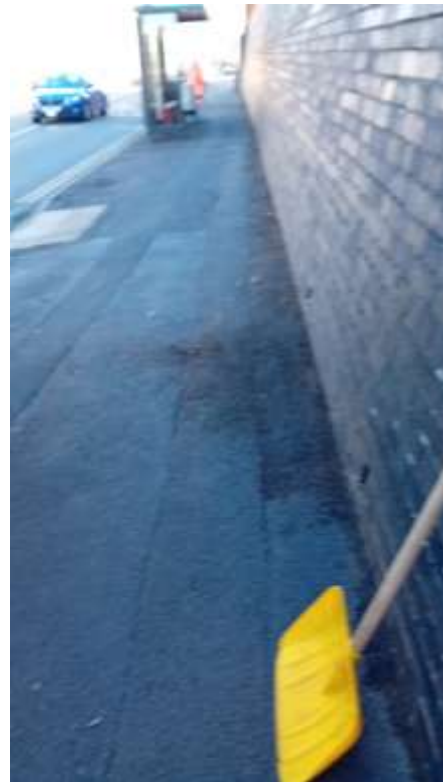
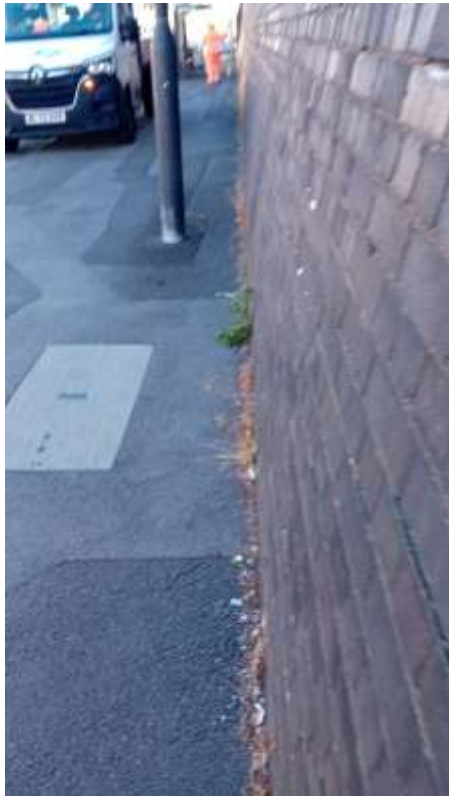
15,030kg General (bins and litter picking) 2,080kg green

#### **Sparkle Team**

It is with regret that I must inform Cllrs that a member of this team handed in his notice through September, he was offered a job with SBC (not grounds or street scene) the opportunity was too good for him to turn down. It is a real shame to lose this individual but fully understand his reasons. His final working day with us was 12/10 We have advertised the vacant position, and I am hopeful that we can backfill asap (x2 interviews booked for 16/10)

Through the month these guys have continued with their normal daily routine, servicing the High St's and parks. When these jobs have been sorted, they have moved on to weed whacking, epicormic growth cutbacks and leaf clearances. Below are a few example photos of works completed

**Rodbourne road**



**Ormdurman Street**



**Newmarket Street**





**Montague Street**





**Cheney Manor road**



**Brooklands Alley (To Cheney Manor Road)**



## Grounds Maintenance

September has been relatively quiet on grounds. For the first week of the month, we were still off the grass so continued with shrubs and hedges. From the Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> onwards, we were back on the grass. There wasn't a great deal of growth, so we were able to smash through the cut in good time and began the final cut of the season on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Again we were making good progress through this but towards the end of the week (Thursday) both out fronts were taken off the road due to defects. We were able to get them over the workshop and one was repaired the following day and was back with us ready for the following week.

During the month one of my ground's guys handed in his notice in as he was moving on to a new venture, this was a shame as he was/is a really good guy but was offered something too good to turn down. This is a shame, and he will be missed. The vacant full time position will be back filled with the seasonal we took on in June. I was hoping to make a start on the flail works through September but this has been held back due to the flail failing its yearly LOLAR test, it was not cost effective to repair so a new attachment had to be purchased, this obviously takes time but I am pleased to say that all has been signed off and the new attachment is now with us. I am hopeful that these works will commence shortly.

As reported last month we have also been doing our best to get the Football pitches up and running across the contract, we are nearly there now with all pitches on Mannington up and running (last two became operation through the last week of the month) Seven fields continues to be an issue, these issue have been brought about by the drought conditions through summer. We will continue

monitoring and will make available for play as soon as the are safe to do so. For as long as the ground allows we will continue to mow the pitches, on as and when needed basis.

Below are a few photos of the hedge/shrub works completed at the beginning of the month

**Sherston Avenue**



St Austell Way



**Florence St (Rear access)**



### **Health & Safety**

No health and safety issue to report through this period, with the exception of a wasp sting while strimming out the wild flower areas as the MSH, this was dealt with onsite with no additional first aid required, the nest was reported to the Ops Manager who in turn reported to pest control. inspections and audit have continued as normal; there were 24 near reports and 31 onsite audits completed. Through the final two weeks of the month Idverde carried its fourth and final 'safety stand down' of the year, the idea for these is to take the guys of rounds for a brief period (approx. 2hrs) to discuss a subject related to health and safety. For this meeting we discussed accidents at work, the accident triangle and the importance of near miss reporting. We held our meetings on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of the month, these meeting are useful and I'm pleased to report that the teams were fully engaged.

### **Staffing**

As already reported, we have had two FTE hand in their notice through the month, the grounds vacancy was easy to resolve as we have a seasonal compliment which have back filled, the street scene vacancy is slightly more difficult given the nature of the work (stigma attached to litter picking) Both positions became vacant at the end of September, we have advertised the street scene vacancy on Indeed and I have a few interviews in the diary, we will look to fill this post as soon as possible, with the right person for the job.

### **Upcoming works**

We are now heading in to winter maintenance which involves shard prunes on shrubs and hedges, once the final grass cut is complete this will be our main focus. We also have the second road sweep booked in and a follow up leaf hot spot sweep, these are both on the cards for October and will run in to November (leaves)

