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Title: **Environment & Transport Portfolio Holder's Report –  
Councillor Nigel Christian**

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### **CHRISTMAS RECYCLING**

Hospice at Home is organising a festive fundraising initiative that not only recycles trees after the festive season but will also raise funds for the local charity. Residents who live or work in the CA1, CA2, CA3, CA4 8, CA5 6, CA5 7, CA6 4, CA6 5, CA8 9, or CA8 1 postcode areas can book a Christmas tree collection. Collections can be booked at [www.charityxmastreecollection.com](http://www.charityxmastreecollection.com) and make a donation of their choice to Hospice at Home. On Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020 the charity team and volunteers will collect the trees and take them to be recycled locally. Residents just need to leave the trees in their front garden or outside their property and Hospice at Home will do the rest. For more information about the Charity or the Christmas Tree Collections please visit [www.hospiceathome.co.uk](http://www.hospiceathome.co.uk)

### **RECYCLING AT CHRISTMAS**

Messages will be going on social media to remind people that unfortunately we CANNOT collect Christmas wrapping paper for recycling. Wrapping paper is often shiny, dyed, laminated, glittery or plastic backed, and covered in sticky tape. None of these can be recycled. This also applies to glittery and foil Christmas cards. Residents will be asked to place wrapping paper and the fronts of glittery and foil cards into their refuse bins; the backs of glittery and foil cards can be placed in the recycling bag.

Messages have also been placed in the residents' magazine to encourage people to think about donating unwanted toys to local charities.

### **FLY-TIPPING AT RECYCLING SITES AT CHRISTMAS**

Over the Christmas and New Year period we always increase the number of collections at local bring sites given the increased demand. Unfortunately, we suffer from the same problem as many areas with residents fly-tipping waste. In this regard, we will be installing signs to advise residents that we will take action against those responsible for fly-

tipping. For the 'hot-spot' sites we will be deploying Officers to advise residents accordingly but clearly we cannot be there 24/7 so we will also use CCTV to support our enforcement activity.

### **ENCOURAGING RECYCLING**

Officers have been working in key areas dropping post-cards through doors in areas where participation in recycling is lower. Over 1,200 households have received this information in areas in Botchergate, Currock, and Denton Holme. Longtown and Caldewgate will be next.

The postcards highlight how simple it is to recycle and we have offered free delivery of recycling bags and boxes to encourage further participation.

### **NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES**

Two successful Dogs Trust events have been held at Morton Manor Community Centre, a second event was held at the end of November due to high demand. Approximately 35 dogs were seen at the events.

Further events are planned for January, February and March next year with venues being sourced.

The Team continues to take Enforcement Action for littering, dog fouling and fly-tipping offences.

The Civil Enforcement Officers across October and November have issued:-

- 6 fixed penalties for littering of £100 each (reduced to £80 for early payment)
- 2 fixed penalties for dog fouling of £100 each (reduced to £80 for early payment)
- 2 dogs off lead fixed penalty of £100 (reduced to £80 for early payment)
- 2 community protection warning letters regarding presentation and storage of domestic refuse and accumulation of waste

In November 2019, three successful Court cases totalling £1,800 in fines were imposed following residents failing to attend a PACE interview into the investigation of fly-tipping, update microchip details and for having a dog off lead in a designated area.

### **GREEN SPACES**

Talkin Tarn has been working on a new recycling initiative with Waste Services to reduce the amount of waste generated on site going to landfill.

Talkin Tarn now has the capacity to recycle plastics/paper/card/glass/chocolate wrappers/crisp packets/tins/cans and coffee cups on site to reduce the amount of waste generated by the tearoom business and by general site users.

The tearoom also sells reusable bamboo cups to act as an incentive to re-use their cups, and disposable coffee cups used are all compostable.

The 'Friends of Rickerby Park' are celebrating their 10-year anniversary. They've recently calculated that they have contributed 462 volunteer hours working to improve the park, this year alone.

The contributions from our various 'Friends Groups' continue to add value to our parks.

## **ALLOTMENTS**

We have recently introduced a waiting list for our Allotment Service. This has already generated interest with several people coming forward for vacant plots. It is encouraging to see an increase in uptake, which will contribute towards the physical and mental wellbeing of the communities of Carlisle district.

## **BEREAVEMENT SERVICES**

Cheque for £8,000 handed to SANDS (Stillbirth and Neo-Natal Death Society) as a result of The Institute of Cemeteries and Crematoria Management Metal Recycling Scheme.

## **REGULATORY SERVICES**

### **Private Water Supplies**

In April 2019, the new Private Water Supply Regulations 2018 came into force. These regulations added additional sampling parameters to those contained in the former 2016 Regulations. The 2018 Regulations apply to private water supplies where the water is intended for human consumption and all water used in any food-production for the manufacture, processing, preservation or marketing of products or substances intended for human consumption.

The 2018 Regulations require all private water supplies intended for human consumption to meet regulatory standards to ensure the water is safe and sufficient at all times. There are approximately 110 private water supplies in the District serving over 400 residential properties and commercial outlets. The additional parameters required an increase in the cost of sampling on each supply to meet the requirements of the new regulations. Sampling is now well underway under the new regime and we are heading towards completing our sampling obligations in time for the statutory report to the Drinking Water Inspectorate at the end of January 2020.