

Clean and Green Newsletter

December 2022

The Clean and Green team wishes a Happy New Year to all. Thank you to all of the dedicated volunteers and #NoPlaceForLitter groups across B&NES who helped to keep our communities clean and tidy throughout 2022.

Highways Maintenance and Drainage

Highways services have been continuing to do routine gully emptying and refreshing road markings. In December, due to the cold weather the gullying figures were reduced to support gritting across B&NES. The team inspected **527** gullies of which we were able to clean **459**.

The Highways team gritted [priority areas](#) in response to the freezing temperatures, spreading more than over 500 tonnes of gritting salt during the recent cold snap to keep motorists safe and keep our network moving.

The council monitors specialist weather forecasts and data from its own weather stations to decide whether gritting is necessary, usually when road surface temperatures are forecast to be close to or below zero. Watch this [video](#) to see how the Highways team spread grit.

Graffiti Removal

The Clean and Green campaign has allowed us to extend the graffiti removal service to include free graffiti removal for domestic properties and at cost charge for commercial properties.

To request graffiti removal from a domestic or commercial building, owners can fill out our [online form](#). To report graffiti in public spaces, please visit the council's [report it page](#).



Graffiti removed from a council litter bin in Lower Oldfield Park

Clean and Green Action Weeks

In December, the Clean and Green team visited Bathavon North, Timsbury and High Littleton.

The Clean and Green Response team responded to **50** reports in December related to overgrown vegetation, dirty signs, graffiti, and litter. Since June 6, the team have fixed and closed **679** reports. The Response team have also been busy filling potholes in parks and green spaces, including at Corston View open space and Firs Field.



Overgrown vegetation removed along Goosard Lane in High Littleton

Overgrown vegetation removed at North Road Junction in Timsbury



Before and after picture of sign cleaned in Weekesley Lane in Timsbury

Leaves swept along Bathampton Lane in Bathavon North

Check out the Clean and Green [videos](#) to find out more about the work the team are doing across B&NES. Please visit the council's [report it page](#) to report a public highway or cleansing issue.

Community Feedback

The Clean and Green team continue to receive positive feedback from the community in keeping the B&NES area tidy. Thank you to the residents, Bathampton Parish Council and Keynsham Town Council for your comments.

“The work completed during their [Clean and Green Team] visit to Bathampton was very much appreciated.” Bathampton Parish Council.

“Councillors praised the good work of the Clean and Green Team and asked me to email you, saying a HUGE THANK YOU from Keynsham Town Council, the residents and businesses of our town.” Keynsham Town Council.

“Thank you to the clean and green team who did such a great job clearing up around the Holloway/Calton estate over the last few days.” B&NES resident.

Communications

Visit our [Clean and Green webpage](#) for more information about the 12-month campaign.

Follow our social media pages, which are listed below, for updates on #CleanAndGreen action.

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Instagram: [@BathnesCouncil](#)

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