

Clean and Green Newsletter

June 2023

This June, Clean and Green returns for a second year to support priorities across the Parks, Highways, and Cleansing Services. The campaign has received a £1 million investment in keeping B&NES tidy. This newsletter will inform on works completed so far across the services.

Clean and Green Action Weeks

This month, the Clean and Green team visited Peasedown, Mendip, Chew Valley, Timsbury, High Littleton and Bathavon North.

The Clean and Green Response team responded to **45** reports in June related to overgrown vegetation, dirty signs, graffiti, derbis, litter, tree, and woodland issues.

Sweeping



Before

After

Sweeping action completed along Under Knoll pavement in Peasedown



Before

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Leaves swept and cleared on Stoke Hill in Chew Valley ward



Before

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Sweeping completed on Hallatrow Hill in High Littleton ward



Before

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White Cross bus shelter swept clean, with mud and litter removed in High Littleton

Cleaning of signs



20mph road sign cleaned in Chew Stoke, Chew Valley ward



Graffiti cleaned from welcome sign on London Road West in Lambridge ward

Removal of overgrown vegetation



Overgrown vegetation cut back along White Ox Mead Lane in Peasedown



Overgrown vegetation trimmed on Home Orchard in Chew Valley



Weed removal completed on Church Hill pavement in High Littleton



Overgrown vegetation removed on London Road East in Bathavon North

Weed Removal

As part of the Climate and Ecological Emergency response, B&NES has stopped using the chemical weed killer glyphosate. Through the Clean and Green investment, Street Cleansing have been trialling various weed removal processes, including foam stream and hot wash. The team will remove weeds through new mechanical equipment, as well as continuing to use manual removal.



Moss and light weed remover used in South Parade, Kingsmead

Highway Maintenance and Drainage

Clean and Green 2023/24 funding will contribute to Highways maintenance budget for roads, filling of grit bins and gully emptying. The extra investment is greatly appreciated due to the current inflation pressure. In June, the team inspected **2085** gullies of which **1893** were cleaned.

Graffiti Removal

The Clean and Green campaign has allowed another year of providing B&NES residents with free graffiti removal service for domestic properties and at cost charge for commercial properties. To request graffiti removal, property owners will need to fill out the [online form](#).

To report graffiti in public spaces, please visit the council's [report it page](#).



Graffiti removed from a bench in Englishcombe Lane, Moorlands

It's Still Littering

Clean and Green have been supporting Keep Britain Tidy's It's Still Littering campaign to tackle litter in Bath. Research has shown that people often litter by carefully placing or leaving their rubbish behind. Bath city centre's Southgate and Milsom Street were chosen to raise awareness and reduce this form of littering.

The selected locations were monitored for one month prior to the installation of bespoke signage and one month after. Monitoring included multiple visits on weekends, photographing each visit and weighing collected litter in the areas.

As summer begins, this campaign is a reminder of the littering problem in parks and green spaces. The sunny weather attracts families, friends, and a lot of litter. The below social media posts have been publicised on Recycle for Bathnes page to advise, discourage, and change behaviour.

Recycle for Bathnes
26 May · 🌐

If you're having a BBQ over the Bank Holiday, please use dedicated BBQ tables to avoid damaging grass and use dedicated BBQ specific bins to prevent fires. 🔥

We have dedicated BBQ facilities in #RoyalVictoriaPark #bath
<https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/visit-royal-victoria-park>



Recycle for Bathnes
30 May · 🌐

You can be fined up to £150 for dropping litter in the street, or from a vehicle.

We have around 950 litter bins in B&NES, including some recycling litter bins. Use one for your rubbish or take your litter home with you.

<https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/pay-environmental-enforcement...>
#LitterBins



Community Action

We continue to work with [#NoPlaceForLitter](#) to provide everything needed to [organise a litter pick](#). Community weed removal equipment is available to borrow from your local hub. Volunteers will be provided with garden waste sacks to ensure weeds can be composted.

Community Weeding kits are available to loan

Each kit contains
4 hoes, 2 brushes, 1 shovel

Contact your local
#NoPlaceForLitter hub if you'd like to borrow the equipment.

DELIVERING FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS

Bath & North East Somerset Council
Improving People's Lives

Great Avon Litter Pick

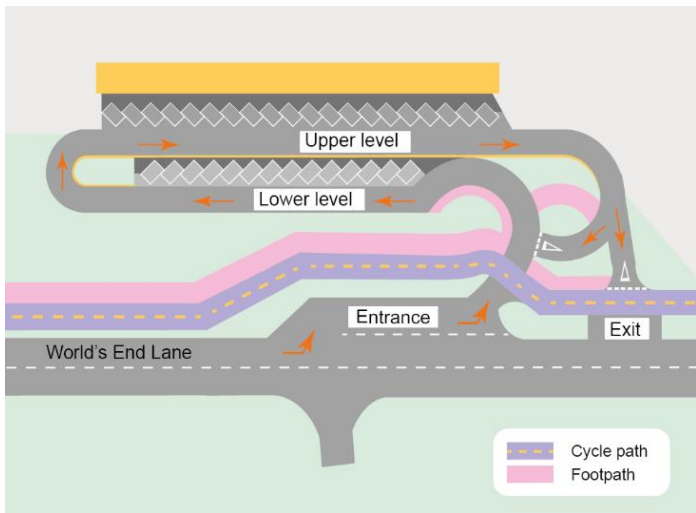
On 18 March, NoPlaceForLitter organised their second annual Great Avon River Litter Pick event as part of the Great British Spring Clean. The litter picking took place along the River Avon in Bath and North East Somerset, with this year including Bradford on Avon, Hanham Lock and Conham River Park. The two-hour event was supported by 151 volunteers who collected an astonishing **171** bags of litter in 13 locations.

A huge thank you to #NoPlaceForLitter for planning this important event for the local environment and to all the dedicated volunteers who supported with cleansing action.



Keynsham Recycling Hub

On 17 April, the new Reuse and Recycling Centre opened in Keynsham. Phase 1 of the Keynsham Recycling Hub now complete has provided public access with a two-way road including a cycle path and footpath via World's End Lane.



“Visited the revamped centre this week, which looks great, and please thank your staff for being so helpful and pleasant.” – B&NES resident

Check out the Keynsham Reuse and Recycling Centre [video](#) and plan your trip to the centre by visiting the council [website](#).

Reuse Shop

The Keynsham Reuse and Recycling Centre will welcome a Reuse Shop this year, allowing B&NES residents to donate pre-loved items. This can include furniture, toys, bric-a-brac, books, and other items which can be re-homed. Items must be clean, working, and unbroken. Residents can visit the centre in Keynsham and ask a site attendant if they are unsure whether their item is suitable for donation.

Click [here](#) for opening times of the Reuse and Recycling Centre.

Community Feedback

A big thank you to all the community members sending in their feedback.

“Many thanks to you and all your team for the constant hard work you put in keep our areas clean.” – Peasedown St John Council

“Thank you for the work that the team did manage to get through in the village – it is very much appreciated.” – Timsbury Parish Council

“Thanks so much everything is looking very tidy now.” – Bathavon North ward councillor

“To the team of BANES employees who have recently cut back into [t]he overgrown footpaths along Lansdown Road, but especially between Beckford Drive up to Lansdown Lane. I walk my dog everyday along the his footpath and it was so overgrown with nettles and grass creep [t]hat the footpath was getting narrower and narrower. The guys have done an excellent excellent job over the past 2 weeks cutting back the undergrowth to allow pedestrians, joggers and cyclist to use the footpath. They are currently removing all the weeds from outside the gates to the Cemetery near Beckford Tower which smartens it up immensely. It was beginning to look really shabby. Anyway, thank you to the guys for their hard work” – B&NES resident

“Today there was team of your staff on Powlett Road weeding and general cleaning of the Road. They did a very good job. I particularly like to mention one member of staff who was very helpful and courteous. He was hardworking and it’s a pleasure to walk down our lovely road. Thank you.”
– B&NES resident

“Thank you for arranging the weed clearance in Barton Buildings. It makes such a difference to the street and they were both very thorough and very friendly” – B&NES resident

Communications

For more information about Clean and Green you can visit our [webpage](#).

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