

## Luttons PC Environmental Sub-Committee Report

### For the PC Meeting to be Held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2025 at Kirby Grindalythe VH

Within the scope of the environmental sub-committee remit I report as follows on the topics below:

1. Rubbish i.e. fly tipping
2. Water Voles i.e. either in or out of the Gypsy Race
3. Trees i.e. either management or planting.
4. Village Planters and Benches
5. Dog Fouling
6. Parish Litter Picks
7. Grass cutting
8. Maintenance/Clearing of Gypsy Race
9. Maintenance of Parish Assets
10. Poor/dangerous road or footpath surfaces
11. Damage to any safety railings, e.g. over culverts
12. Flood prevention – gully jetting, weed removal, etc
13. Wildflower Area

#### Item 1 - Rubbish i.e. fly tipping

I have to report there has been some fly-tipping since my last report. This was found by our local in-house litter and fly-tipper spotter Jill Cade, on Haverdale. The fly-tip in question was a number of quite large asbestos sheets. I was away at the time and asked Jill to contact NYCC – which she duly did. NYCC then attended the site. The last I was aware was that NYCC were in the process of making inquiries as to the possible offenders.

Thank you Jill.

Evie Cade, as apart of her DoE continues to undertake her regular litter picks – the last I heard from her was a picture of her with a large bin bag full of rubbish. Our thanks to Evie.

#### Item 2 – Water Voles

Great news – baby Water Voles have been spotted in East Luton!!

#### Item 3 - Trees

Nothing untoward that I am aware of.

#### Item 4 – Planters & Benches

At this moment in time, I have to thank all our volunteers for the hard work they put in to maintaining the planters within each of our villages. Many thanks indeed.

Also within this section I have to thank our Lengthman for his work in strimming around each of the benches spaced along our Parish, and also for tidying up the area around the bottom of each post. Thanks Guy.

#### Item 5 – Dog Fouling

Nothing new to report here - but I guess the problem still persists.

Also, on the subject of dogs – particularly dogs running loose. Should anyone become aware of a dog running loose, and not know to whom it belongs, then please use the NYCC website, enter 'Dog Warden' in the search bar. From there you can report lost or stray dogs, dog fouling, barking dogs, etc.

Please see the information posted on the Heritage Noticeboards.

#### Item 6 – Parish Litter Picks

Nothing to report. If anyone thinks that there is a need to organise a 'Litter Pick' just let me know.  
See Item '1' above.

#### Item 7 – Grass Cutting

The first grass cut has taken place. I am always open to comments should anyone think there are places which need a cut.

#### Item 8 – Gypsey Race (GR)

The owners of the land adjacent to the GR between the Wintringham Road and the bend adjacent to Chapel Cottage, have been approached and asked to clear that section of the watercourse.

With a possible issue of the presence of Water Voles it is likely that this work will be delayed until at least mid-September – this is in line with the policy of 'Helping Water Voles on Your Land'.

Work also needs to be undertaken on clearing the weeds from the section of the GR outside Sycamore Farm. I will see if a working party can be raised.

In Helporthorpe a few people have raised a question concerning the GR, its management and lack of water therein. The PC have undertaken to put together a questionnaire to determine the view of the residents of Helporthorpe as to how they think the watercourse might be managed and maintained. This item will be discussed at the next PC meeting.

#### Item 9 – Parish Assets

Thanks to Stuart Bell for pulling together the Asset Register for our Parish. All Stuart has to do now is compile a 'maintenance schedule'. Many thanks Stuart.

#### Item 10 – Footpaths

Nothing to report.

#### Item 11 – Safety Railings

Nothing to report.

#### Item 12 – Flood Prevention

Nothing to report – but perhaps Item 8 above is relevant.

#### Item 13 - Wildflower Area

The proposed 'Wild Flower Area' i.e. at the junction of the Wintringham Road and the Wolds Road; has been worked at, but, unfortunately, we have once again, run out of time to get the wildflower seeds sown.

It is now the intention to sow the seeds in the autumn.

This item will be discussed at our next PC Meeting.

#### Risk Assessments etc

I think it is time for these documents to be updated – not yet attended to.

MARTIN PEARCE – 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2025