

Luttons PC Environmental Sub-Committee Report

For the PC Meeting to be Held on Wednesday 20th May 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
14. Defibrillators
15. Noticeboards
16. Salt Bins

Item 1 - Rubbish i.e. fly tipping

There have been no reports of fly-tipping.

Item 2 – Water Voles

Earlier this year a ‘family’ of five water voles (wv) were seen in East Lutton. Unfortunately, sightings then stopped - but I am pleased to report that a single wv has been sighted over the last few weeks. The hope is that ‘where there is one there will be more’.

Having said that they are called ‘water voles’ for a reason. Without water in the Gypsy Race it is more than likely that they will have relocated to pastures new.

Item 3 - Trees

Nothing untoward that I am aware of.

Item 4 – Planters & Benches

Thank you to all of our Planter Maintenance Teams – it’s a great job that you do for all to enjoy.

Item 5 – Dog Fouling

Nothing new to report here - but I guess the problem still persists. However, the PC has been in touch with NYCC asking for some of their ‘Dog Fouling’ signs. We are still waiting for delivery.

Item 6 – Parish Litter Picks

Many thanks to Jill Cade who continues to pick up litter and rubbish as she walks and runs around our locale.

Thanks Jill!

If anyone thinks that there is a need to organise a general 'Litter Pick' within the parish just let me know.

I carried out a 'drive by' of all of the roads which fall within the Parish Boundary to see if there is an outlying problem out of the villages. I am pleased to report that there was nothing of any consequence noted.

Item 7 – Grass Cutting

We will be formatting our yearly plan for grass cutting over the next few weeks.

Item 8 – Gypsey Race (GR)

As we are all aware, there is currently no water in the GR.

My view is that unless we get some serious amounts of rainfall over the summer period this situation will prevail. My reasoning for this is that although the subterranean aquifers may well have filled substantially over last winter, there was insufficient rain to completely fill them – hence no water now in the GR.

On top of that we have just experienced a period of hot and sunny weather during which those same aquifers will have been depleted further.

Park Lane – East Lutton

NYCC highways have now cleared out the grips on this road. But, without any rain it is not possible to see whether this has had any effect on the localised flooding.

Item 9 – Parish Assets

As mentioned in previous Environment Reports, we have to thank Stuart Bell for pulling together the Asset Register for our Parish. Stuart is in the process of pulling together a 'maintenance schedule' for those assets.

Item 10 – Footpaths

Nothing to report.

Item 11 – Safety Railings

Nothing to report.

Item 12 – Flood Prevention

Nothing to report.

Item 13 - Wildflower Area

I am away at the moment. But when I return, I will be keen to take a look to see if we have anything growing that resembles wild flowers.

14 – Defibrillators

We now have volunteers for each of the village defibrillators. Thank you guys for volunteering.

Unfortunately, the East Lutton defib had to be used recently. I know not on whom or what the outcome was – fingers crossed that it was a positive result. Anyhow, the machine, having been used, meant that it was out of action for a short time while new 'pads' were ordered, delivered and installed. Overall, i.e. from being informed that the machine had been used; it took just four days to having it back 'in service'.

It is 'normal procedure' for a machine to be 'out of service' after being used - and nothing to be unduly concerned about. The emergency services are aware when this situation arises. The only downside being that, if required, they have to use the next nearest available defibrillator – in our case either from Helperthorpe or West Lutton.

15 – Noticeboards

Nothing to report.

16 – Salt Bins

These will be checked before the on-set of winter and filled as required.

17. Risk Assessments etc

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

MARTIN PEARCE – 2nd May 2026.