

# SALISBURY CITY COUNCIL



Environmental Services Team – October 2022

# Environmental Services Streetscene

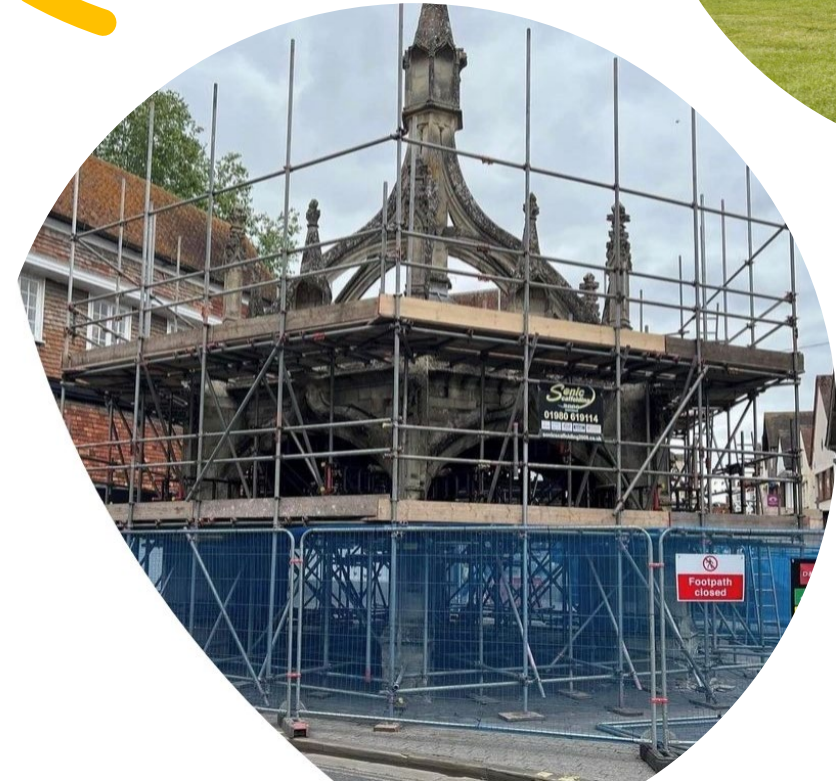
- 884 jobs reported in first 6 months of the year, which is a 65/35 split of officer inspections vs Mywilt. Fly tipping is down 50% year on year.
- Venture - 1305 reports in first 6 months of the year with the highest category ASB/begging 399, 2<sup>nd</sup> Council matters 202, 3<sup>rd</sup> ASB/public drinking 145. Council matters includes liaising with rough sleepers, patrolling SCC sites and events including community engagement projects and escorting staff to collect money
- 18 new recycling bins installed with 20 more to be installed in QE Gardens and the City Centre in New Year.
- City Centre bench refurbishment underway
- New equipment either delivered or on order for the incoming team, including the purchase of a DIBO steam cleaner.





# Environmental Services Facilities

- Scheduled Monument Consent received from Historic England at the end of September, so repair works on the Poultry Cross are now able to commence this Autumn.
- Maintenance work for 2022/23 on the Guildhall almost completed, with external windows and doors painted and stone work cleaned, repointed and repaired.
- Refurbishment of Fisherton Recreation Ground toilets to commence this Autumn. This is being timed to coincide with the River Park project.
- Camping & Caravan Club – Planning application to install further hard standings being submitted with project scheduled to commence in the New Year.
- Tollgate Road Depot – Topographical surveys completed and planning application being prepared. Move in date expected Spring/Summer 2023.



# Environmental Services CCTV

- We have received **292** Requests to view footage this year with investigations becoming more complex and more operator time required.
- 3 volunteers completed the CCTV Operators course in September. This course is a national qualification supported by the Security Industry Authority which gives the legal basis on how operators should work. There then follows in house training which can take 6-12 months
- We currently have 20 volunteers of which 15 are active. Recruitment of volunteers continues to be a challenge.
- Our planned maintenance (which happens twice a year) has been completed which involved a software upgrade on the main computers.
- Richard Goodman retires as CCTV Manager on 23 October.





# Environmental Services Crematorium & Cemeteries

- The cremation figures from April - September total 674 compared to 665 in 2021.
- There are currently 66 services booked for October.
- A new stone surface and surround has been installed around the foot of the Crematorium entrance sign.
- The new fees that were agreed by Council for Reception/Direct & delivery of our forthcoming Tree Strategy came into force on 1 October 2022.
- Thanks to the Crematorium team who volunteered to honour services booked in on the day of HM The Queen's funeral.



# Environmental Services Parks

- Ash die-back work has begun at Harnham Slope/Hill. There have been some path closures, however alternative routes have been provided at all times.
- New machinery, equipment, lockers etc have arrived for 1 December when idverde services come in house.
- The charity Buglife have donated £250 of wildflower seed to SCC to help improve bio-diversity and we'll be using this in Churchill Gardens in 2023.
- Some long grass areas were mown early this year due to extreme hot/dry weather and the potential fire risks next to houses.
- Our grounds team have been busy maintaining the gardens at the Crematorium and pruning back summer hedge and shrub growth

