



Action on crime and anti-social behaviour

Generally, York is a very safe city, but as a city centre ward, some parts of Guildhall do suffer at times from serious anti-social behaviour.

Government cuts to police numbers mean they are not out on the streets doing 'community policing' as much as most of us might like.

Reporting incidents and 101

This means that police response to issues in a neighbourhood depends even more than ever on crime reports from residents. It can be frustrating if the police are unable to attend when you report an incident, and when you have to wait a long time to get through on 101, but it is very important to persist if possible and register a crime number for each incident – without incident reports, extra resources are much less likely. We will keep pushing for improvements to the 101 service. Always phone 999 in emergencies.

New Falls Prevention Service: Free home safety visits are available to all residents in the Guildhall ward for practical advice and help to reduce the risk of falls in the home – some things can even be done right away. To make an appointment contact reducingfalls@york.gov.uk telephone 01904 567456.

Funding for Warmer Homes: If your household income is less than £35,000/year you may be able to get a grant to help with better insulation, in some cases up to 100% of the cost or an interest free loan for a new boiler. Full details at www.york.gov.uk/betterhomes telephone 01904 552300 (Housing Standards).



Guildhall Green Team Coordinator, June Tranmer, with ward councillor, Denise Craghill distributing 60 Second Surveys in December. We will be knocking on doors throughout the ward during the coming months and will do our best to act on the large number of comments you have returned so far.

The next Guildhall Ward Residents' Meeting planned for Jan/Feb 2018 will focus on **Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour**. We plan to have speakers from the police, Council enforcement officers and others and a chance to raise questions about your neighbourhood. To register for regular email updates on Ward Residents' Meetings, please email: jack.woodhams@york.gov.uk





Green amendment on single use plastics – and call for a ‘York cup’

An amendment calling for the Council to reduce the use of ‘single-use’ plastics in the city by looking at ideas such as the ‘Freiburg cup’ was passed in December. The proposal, which was put forward by Green Group leader, Cllr Andy D’Agorne, suggested the Council look at promoting a re-useable ‘York cup’ which could be obtained for a returnable deposit. This could help not only to keep plastic out



of the river and marine environment but also reduce the amount of takeaway waste piling up on busy days in the city centre.

Plastics recycling

Whilst reducing use of plastics is of course the best option, Denise has also had many enquiries about why the Council doesn’t include



more types of plastic in doorstep recycling collections. Whilst the answer is complicated, the simple version is that the market price for actually recycling so-called ‘mixed rigids’ (ie. yoghurt pots, margarine cartons etc) is dramatically lower (sometimes zero) than the price for ‘mixed bottles’ which the Council does collect and which remains steadily far higher. Whilst some councils do collect all mixed plastics they run a very different system overall - based on sorting everything after collection. This is deemed to be much less cost effective and doesn’t necessarily mean that all items collected are always recycled - as they generally are in York.

Bring sites and plastics

A wider range of plastics can be taken to some bring sites in York. The recycling team at St Nick’s Environment Centre has produced a summary of

plastics recycling options which you can find here: <http://bit.ly/plasticsinyork>

Green councillors don’t accept that we should just give up on recycling more kinds of plastics in York – we will keep on arguing for different options to be considered.

Volunteer litter pickers

The Council has a scheme to support residents to volunteer as litter pickers in their local neighbourhoods – training and equipment is provided. E-mail environmentandcommunity@york.gov.uk or tel **01904 551550** and ask for Environment and Community. You can also report problems with litter bins via ‘Report Problems’ on the website or by phoning **01904 550551**.

Rubbish on forecourts/front gardens

Many residents in terraced streets have little choice but to keep their bins at the front if back lanes have been alley-gated or back yards are not a practical option. The Council cannot prevent residents from keeping their bins at the front within their own property boundary, but enforcement may be an option:

- if a lot of waste builds up and is unsightly – contact neo@york.gov.uk tel. **01904 551555**
- if occupants are not putting out their waste at the proper time or place - ycc@york.gov.uk tel. **01904 551550**
- if landlords of HMOs (Houses in Multiple Occupation) are not providing sufficient bin capacity or managing it effectively - ycc@york.gov.uk or tel. **01904 551550**, mentioning Housing Standards

Missed and untidy bin collections

Concerns about missed waste or recycling collections or collections where a lot of litter is left in the street should also be addressed to the Customer Centre ycc@york.gov.uk tel. **01904 551550** and/or copy in Cllr Craghill. If collections are missed the Council should collect them the next day if at all possible.

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