

Portobello Community Council

Report from Local Environment Manager

26th January 2015

1. Cleanliness Index Monitoring Score (CIMS) assessment, December 2014.

Ward 17 (Portobello & Craigmillar) was assessed as being of 'acceptable standard of cleanliness', with a score of 73 awarded, with 100% of streets assessed as clean. The table below demonstrates the improved cleanliness as assessed by Keep Scotland beautiful. This improvement is indicative of the effort being made by the East Neighbourhood Task Force to keep the area clean.

WARD 17 CIMS	CIMS score	% of streets clean
June 2014	63	81%
September 2014	67	92%
December 2014	73	100%

The main category of litter discovered was 'Smoking related', followed by 'confectionery related' litter; 'drink related' litter and 'fast food' litter.

The source of the litter was most likely to be pedestrians, followed by domestic waste, then business litter and animal faeces.

The next CIMS assessment is due to take place during the first fortnight in March.

2. The Environmental Warden team received 37 complaints in Ward 17 in December. Dog fouling was the most complained about problem, followed by fly-tipping and then domestic waste.

In the financial year to date, flytipping is the most complained about offence, representing 29% of all complaints in Ward 17, with dog fouling accounting for 19% of all complaints received.

3. Miscellaneous updates

- Brighton Park now has power installed
- Portobello community garden has been replanted
- Rosefield Park has been restocked, Abercorn should be completed over the next few weeks, weather depending. There is still no date provided for the new fencing at the park.
- We are awaiting a further quotation for the replacement fence at the Pitz soccer; it is likely to be April before this work is completed.
- An unsafe wall at Christian Path was taken down following inspection, with the boundary remaining intact.

- Finger posts on the promenade – replacement / repair should be completed by March 2015.
- Bath Street – Scotmid entrance area. Road repairs are expected in Feb 2015.
- Blocked drains at Brunstane Road and Pittville Street – these locations are still on the contractors list. There is a problem with the main drainage line there. This is being investigated as we have been told that the drain has been cleared yet the problem is still being reported.
- Following reports that padlocks to the gates on the promenade were being stolen / vandalised, they have been replaced, and are welded to chains in an attempt to secure them.
- Bellfield Street – bollards in need of repair. The blacksmith has been contacted and we are awaiting a date for repairs.

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