

Clean and Green Newsletter April – May 2025

The Clean and Green teams have been actively engaged in maintaining public spaces through a variety of environmental upkeep efforts, including weeding, sweeping, managing overgrown vegetation, cleaning signage, litter collection, and addressing woodland concerns. In April and May, our dedicated parks team has promptly responded to and successfully completed 65 reported cases, contributing to the ongoing enhancement of local green spaces. Below are some of the highlights of their before and after images of work completed.



20/05/2025 – Lane between Freeview Road and Dominion Road, Bath



15/05/2025 – Whitewells Road, Bath



23/04/2025 - Charlton Park, Keynsham



30/04/2025 - The Greenway, Bath



20/05/2025 - Lane between Freeview Road and Dominion Road, Bath

Graffiti Removal

The Clean and Green team persist in their effort to remove graffiti from council buildings, road signs and litter bins, cleaning 566 sites over April and May.

Environmental Enforcement

Officers from our Cleansing Enforcement team take action against behaviours that negatively affect the safety and quality of life of B&NES residents by issuing penalty notices. In April and May, a total of 22 notices were issued for offenses including commercial waste mismanagement, littering, fly-tipping, and the improper escape of controlled waste. To report fly-tipping in B&NES, please visit: <https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/report-fly-tipping>

Highway Maintenance and Drainage

Highway services continue their essential work in preserving the drainage system through ongoing gully inspections and cleaning operations. In April, the team examined 2,733 gullies and successfully cleaned 2,327 to maintain optimal water flow. Their efforts continued in May, with 1921 gullies inspected and 1,621 cleaned, ensuring the drainage infrastructure functions efficiently and supports overall road safety.

Street Inspections

Since March 13, 2025, the Cleansing team has inspected 831 streets across 14 wards in B&NES, assessing overall street cleanliness and environmental conditions. The inspections have focused on weed growth, litter accumulation, graffiti, and fly-tipping. Additionally, the team has examined detritus, ensuring that debris and dirt buildup does not compromise the quality of public spaces. Through these efforts, they aim to maintain high standards of street maintenance and cleanliness across all inspected areas.

Litter Picks

Over the course of the last two months our dedicated teams have been actively working to clean up the roads, making a significant impact on the local environment. Through their efforts, they successfully collected an impressive total of 330 bags of litter, helping to enhance the cleanliness and overall appearance of our community. See below for pictures of our teams hard at work litter picking:



22/04/2025 – Haycombe Cemetery, Bath



10/04/2025 – A363, Bathford



13/05/2025 - A4, Bathampton



22/05/2025 - London Road Roundabout, Bath

Wider Clean and Green Initiatives

Electrical Vehicle Trial

An electric recycling collection truck powered by electricity generated from solar panels at Keynsham Recycling Hub was trialled by the councils recycling team last month. The truck on trial was able to collect from 100 more properties in one day and was returning to our depot with 40% battery charge remaining. The results of the trial will help inform whether this type of vehicle would be a suitable upgrade for the council's recycling collection vehicles, which are due for replacement in 2027.



Compost

Compost sales at the Reuse Shop at Keynsham recycling centre continue to be popular. In April and May 25, a total of 926 bags have been sold at £4 for 4 litres.

The compost is produced by our contractor Penny's based near Wells. In April and May we sent 1637.98 tonnes of garden waste to Penny's for composting. To be able to reuse this material locally supports closed loop recycling and a commitment to a clean and green B&NES.



Simpler recycling

From the 31 March 2025, businesses, schools, hospitals, and other non-household premises with 10+ employees are now required to separate dry recyclables (paper, card, glass, metals, plastics) from food waste and general waste. (Micro-firms with fewer than 10 employees will have until 31st March 2027 to comply).

This change in regulation is linked to Simpler Recycling waste reforms being introduced by the government. Its aim is to make it easier for us all to recycle the same core materials whether we are at home or in work.

The Council's own business waste collection team has been busy promoting the new requirements to businesses across the district and ensuring our own business customers have all the help and information they need to comply.
<https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/check-your-business-compliant-simpler-recycling-legislation>

Communications

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