



## STREET SERVICES Report 1 : Sept 2020-December 2020

Services delivered from Sept 2020 to December 2020 to improve facilities and the living environment in Saffron Walden town.

The aim: to improve the wellbeing for visitors and local population and ensuring they have a safe environment.

Work carried out included: ~

Removing graffiti in town centre, litter picking , regular bin emptying, removal of fallen tree debris & leaves, cutting overhanging tree/shrub branches, clearing paths, cleaning signs, tidying around benches & bins and town Council facilities. Responding to special requests from Senior staff as required daily.

Main Areas that received regular attention during this period: ~

Grey Pedestrian Bridge (Lower Common); Common Pathways, Common Hill path (leaf removal) and flower enclosures (planting & weeding).

Play Areas at Common; Golden Acre; Tudor Park; Lt Walden.

St Mary's Pathways.

Town Centre gardens, streets & pathways.

Flower Beds leaf & plant removal.

Little Walden Green Remembrance planting & Green maintenance.

Skate Park tidying & sign cleaning.

Dog Pound maintenance.

Battle Ditches litter.

Anglo American Apse memorial litter & weeding.

Herberts Farm Car Park.

Grafetti removal from bins & electrical boxes (effective on smooth surfaces/partially effective on brick & grained plastic/metal).

Tidying Rowntree Way Shops Plaza for the first time. Involves removal of weeds and over hanging shrubs on paved areas.

Areas of attention that are irregular:

Cutting shrubs in the Gardens, planting Trees & Shrubs, collecting compost & plants, removing green waste from sites.

Collecting & delivering goods for SWTC staff

Cemetery Graves Safety Work.

Cleaning 'Bus Stop' enclosures.

Cutting back shrubbery at electrical boxes at Debden Rd & Gibson Gardens.

Litter picking Monks Hill field & Shrublands green.

Collecting turf from Newport for Cemetery maintenance.

Removal of 'Fly Tipping' waste in the town at bins & benches.

Collecting 'one off' tree/shrub purchases for planting (usually public memorial requests)

Tanners Way path tidying.

Additional Work taken on to help UDC

Extra Bins taken on so they are regularly emptied are sited in St Mary's Churchyard (x 2); Tudor Park Estate; Common junction with Lt Walden Road; East Street Flower Bed.

During lockdown emptied 2 Leisure Centre bins until the Centre re-opened.

Any Patterns : **Domestic waste** continues to blight certain bins where local residents use them for their personal household waste, they overfill regularly. There is little SWTC can do **but the answer is not to empty them more regularly**, they simply refill them as soon as they can. They are located at St Mary's Church entrance, St Mary's path to Castle Street, Common bins on the middle & top paths, junction of Lt Walden Rd/Ashdon Rd, & Dorset House Gardens. Domestic waste from flats is regularly left by bins outside Barclays in the Market Square in black bags. All are removed but essentially this is fly tipping. The volume of bin waste has increased markedly recently as the town has grown, and due to lockdown with increased footfall (not decreased) as more residents work from home and spend more leisure time locally. However, litter away from the bins has been lighter than previous years. When bins overflowed during the summer lockdown the public were good at leaving their waste at the bin side if there was no room left.

Anglo American Apse Memorial : Since the weather has deteriorated rubbish has increased significantly as there is shelter at the site. This is checked on Saturday mornings.