

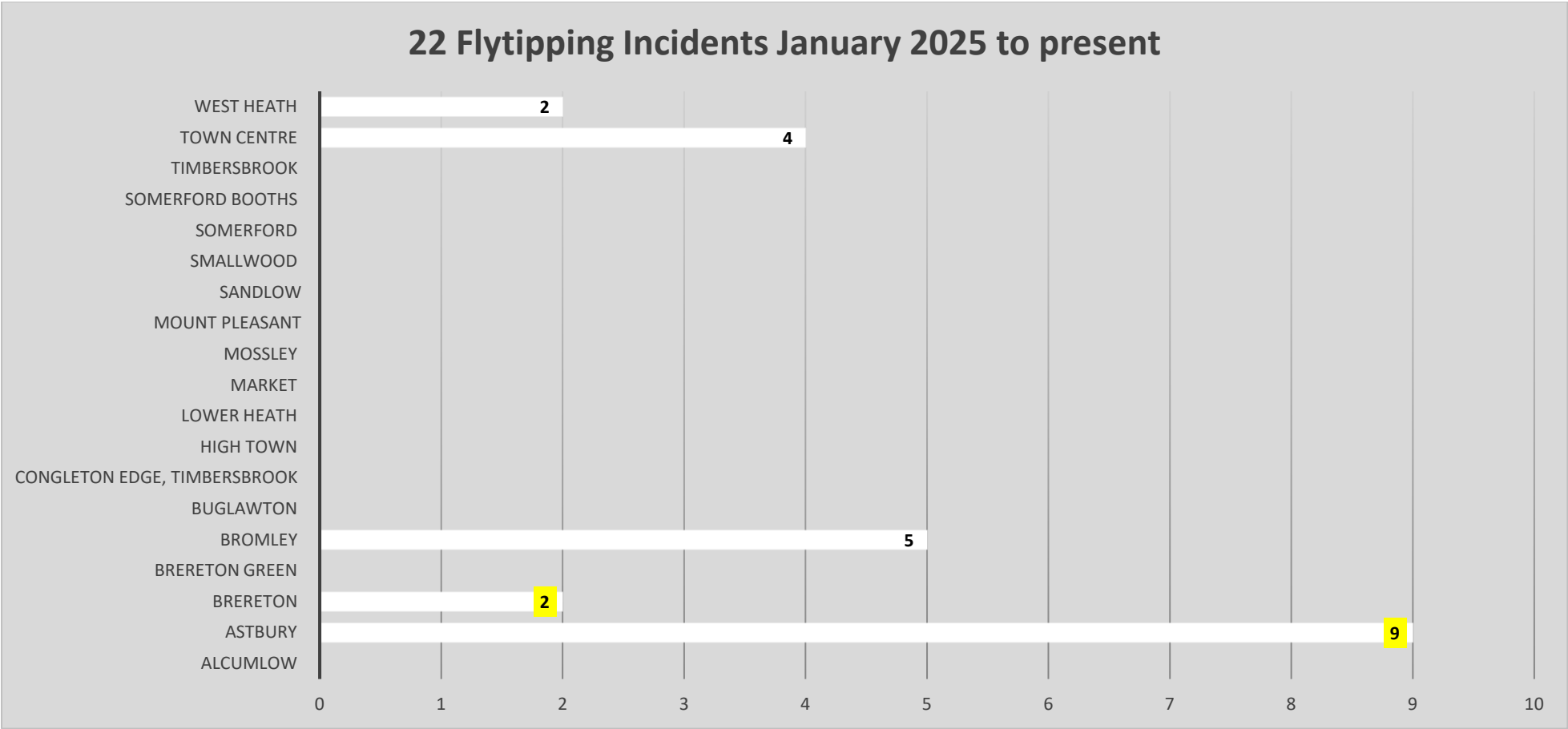
# CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

## COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

COMMITTEE:	Environment Committee							
MEETING DATE AND TIME	6 <sup>th</sup> February 2025 7.00 pm			LOCATION	Town Hall			
REPORT FROM	Streetscape Development Manager – Ruth Burgess							
AGENDA ITEM REPORT TITLE	10 Streetscape Services							
Update	<b><u>Fly Tipping</u></b> As well as noting the quantity of fly tips per month and annually we are now calculating the cost for each specific fly tip over the course of a year. Below you will note the number of fly tips we have dealt with over the last year (2024), in comparison to previous years:							
		2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
	Jan	4	4	4	16	30	20	17
	Feb	10	2	10	11	25	7	5
	Mar	4	0	32	24	14	8	
	Apr	10	12	19	10	19	24	
	May	5	40	22	11	11	24	
	June	4	22	2	8	26	20	
	July	8	21	0	13	9	19	
	Aug	5	18	10	26	19	18	
	Sept	6	6	14	23	13	9	
	Oct	5	3	10	8	21	17	
	Nov	4	4	17	25	4	6	
	Dec	5	4	10	30	15	22	
	Total	70	136	150	205	206	194	22
Total Cost	£2324.16	£5380.52	£2481.45	£12,300.87	£ 15,360.76	£ 13,077.18	£2852.68	
	See Appendix A for percentage graphs as per each parish area.							
	<b><u>Staffing</u></b>  We currently have all members of the Streetscape team in work.							
	<b><u>Private Work – New Contracts</u></b>  <b><u>Rhead’s Meadow</u></b>  We are pleased to announce that, as of March 24th, Streetscape has been appointed as the grounds maintenance contractor for Rhead’s Meadow in Somerford. This 10-acre site, rich in wildlife, is a valuable community space, and we are honoured to continue bringing its vision to life. Plans for the park include the development of a native wildflower meadow interspersed with native trees, the creation of a new							

	<p>orchard, and additional native woodland planting. We are thrilled to be working on such a fantastic biodiversity site for the enjoyment of the local community.</p> <p><b><u>Astbury Mere Country Park</u></b></p> <p>We are excited to confirm that we have successfully secured another new contract—providing ranger services and maintenance at Astbury Mere Country Park. This is a fantastic opportunity to continue upholding Congleton's pride and maintaining the park to the exceptional standards set by the previous ranger. We are currently in the final stages of discussions and finalising the contract for this site.</p> <p><b><u>Weed spraying update – CEC Highways</u></b></p> <p>As you are aware Cheshire East Council Highways are responsible for weed control on roads, footways and paved areas on all <a href="#">adopted roads in Cheshire East</a>.</p> <p><b>Treatment of weeds</b></p> <p><i>Due to cost and effectiveness, they are not routinely spraying weeds on the highway. they review requests for treatment of weeds in channels, at the top of kerbs, in footways/alleyways (bordering a wall or fence), footpaths and link paths. Where appropriate and where resources are available, we will remove them by mechanical means.</i></p> <p>Weedspraying by CEC Highways is done once a year, due to the reduction of weed control CTC has been looking at how we help and carry out further weed treatment, however, there will be a cost (labour, material, and chemicals).</p> <p><b><u>Love Your Street – Campaign</u></b></p> <p>Your Street where you live as a councillor, we would like you, where possible, to leaflet drop your own road/ street to help start with the campaign and get a group together – all equipment will be provided where necessary.</p>
<b>Financial Considerations</b>	Concerns over the financial impact of fly-tipping as well as an increase of highway weed control on the streetscape budget lines.
<b>Environmental Considerations</b>	Consideration over areas to be weed sprayed and the specific type of chemicals used. Helping with the increase of biodiversity within the Somerford area by working at Rhead's Meadow.
<b>Equality Considerations</b>	Love your street campaign will be an opportunity to engage all sectors of the community and we will look to ensure full inclusivity.
<b>Decision Requested</b>	To receive the report.

Appendix A – Fly Tipping Graphs

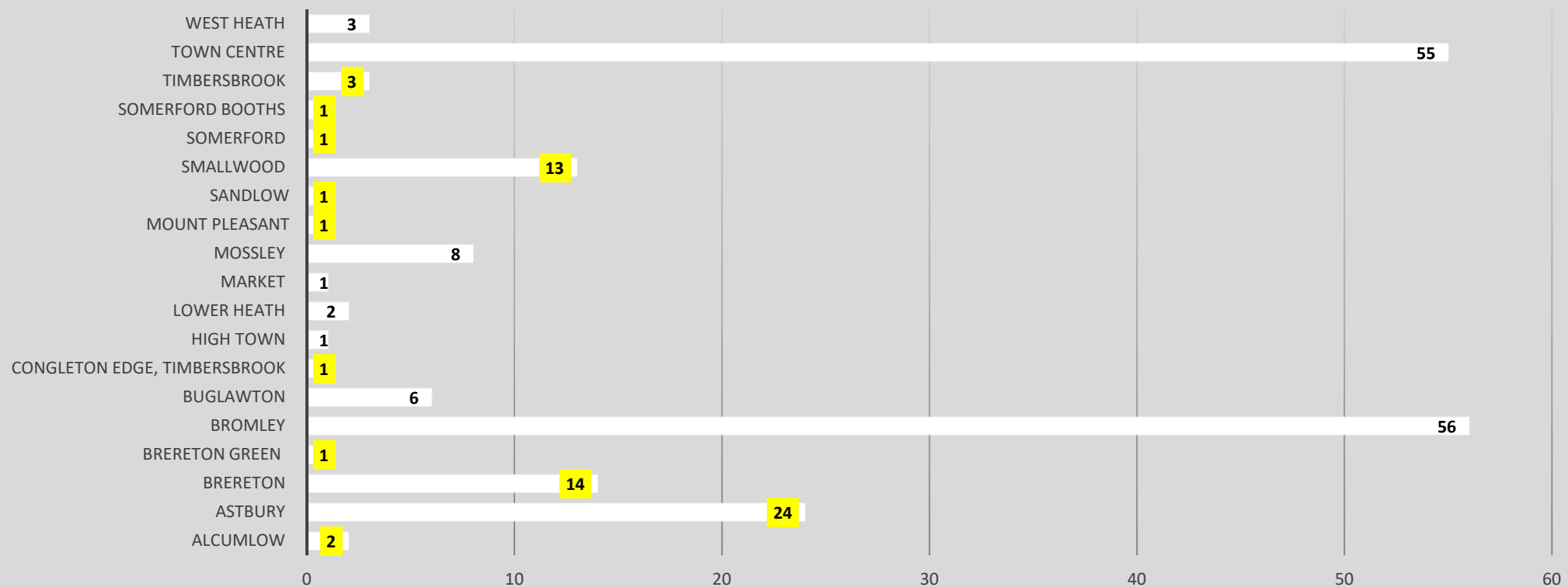


Key

Areas in **YELLOW** are outside of the Congleton LAP

This equates to 11 incidents (50%)

## 194 Flytipping Incidents January to 31 December 2024



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Areas in **YELLOW** are outside of the Congleton LAP

This equates to 62 incidents (32%)