Cove and Altens Walkabout

An approach to improving the environment took place in Cove and Altens on June 30, when a team from Aberdeen City Council's Environmental Services linked up with Cove residents and took to the streets for an Environmental Walkabout.

Their aim was to identify environmental hotspots that could be acted upon quickly – and some 60 items were identified for action. These included bus shelter damage, graffiti, blocked drains, flytipping, litter and raised paving slabs.

Steven Shaw, Environmental Manager explains: "We target a neighbourhood every week or so and look at what we can do to help improve it. We hope to encourage more people to take pride in their neighbourhood and to assist our service by letting us know when things need to be fixed."

He adds: "Cove is generally a clean area and has a variety of fantastic green spaces, but we did find a number of issues that required remedial action. We have already taken action on those that my team has responsibility for, relating to grounds maintenance and street cleanliness, and we have also reported the other issues to the relevant service such as Roads. It may take a little while for the whole list to be completed, but because the items have been officially logged, they will be attended to in time."

During the course of the year, Steven and his team are scheduled to continue to carry out similar Walkabouts across Aberdeen. Between times, Steven would welcome any support local communities can give to his team in spotting and reporting environment issues in their area.

There are several ways to report environmental problems in the area:

To report cleanliness issues (including litter, dog fouling, leaves graffiti, flyposting etc) or refuse collection problems and/or to arrange for two items to be uplifted from your premises free of charge, call: 0845 608 0919

To report faults and problems online, visit: www.aberdeencity.gov.uk (via Report It button on home page)

Or Email Steven's team directly at cleanaberdeen@aberdeencity.gov.uk