

Committee: Open Spaces

Date: 9 April 2024

Title: Open Spaces Report

Purpose of Report

To inform Members of activities that have been undertaken by the Open Spaces team since the last report.

Recommendation:

Members to note the report.

Report:

1. The Recreation Ground

The Elder and Holly between the garages and IEF land have been cut back to allow access to the rubbish underneath. Also some of the elder had rotted at the base and was starting to come down



The teen shelter has had the path finished in conic pave.



2. Volunteers

The volunteers have done a good job of clearing the hedge on the Muchelney house side of the rec ready for hedge laying. Due to the time of year this will now be left until autumn.

3. West crescent

Has had the fencing renewed on the road sides and about 400 metre of hedge along the boundary with the farm land has been reduced to open up the views and keep the hedge a hedge.



4. Herne Hill

A large hazel came down blocking the entrance as a result of the ground being so wet. It has been cleared and the reserve is accessible once more.

5. Cemetery

The first grass cut of the year has been done and the lodge has now been cleared of all stuff. The soil building up against the fence along the bottom of the cemetery has also been cleared.

6. Tennis courts

The path is now finished and the orange fencing will stay up until the grass has recovered.



7. Church Yard

The church yard has had its first cut of the year. At the request of the vicar the northeast section of grass has had 3 large circles left to grow long to encourage wildlife. Also at the request of the vicar the north west section has had a prayer labyrinth cut in to it. It was agreed that the south (front) area should be left short and that we would review the long areas throughout the year and cut if necessary.

8. Britons field

The bonfire site has been reseeded by the sports club and just waiting for it to grow. Any slightly bare areas will be covered off with some additional seeds.

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