

Committee: Open Spaces

Date: 6 February 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 bins at the entrance to the football club have been moved closer to the tarmac path to allow easier access, and the fence along the bottom of the canal has been extended to the tarmac path.



2. Herne Hill

All the signs that the previous Countryside Manager had ordered are now in place making the entrance more welcoming.





3. Cemetery

The fence along the bottom of the cemetery has been cleared and the area around the big green fence has been cleared and a hedge line has been cut in to hide the fence better. And the water pipe post has been renewed.



4. Tennis courts

The new noticeboard is in, and the path will be going in as soon as weather permits.



The number of bookings for the tennis courts:

15 th Oct – 31 st Oct	40
1 st Nov – 30 th Nov	37
1 st Dec – 31 st Dec	35
1 st Jan – 28 th Jan	34

5. Britten's Field

The ditch between the football club and canal has been brush cut and the hedge trimmed also the brambles around the badger sett have been cut back by 1m to stop it encroaching on the field.

6. Christmas trees

All the Christmas trees from the town display have been cleared using a chipper. It took 35 minutes instead of crating them all up to Herne hill with usually take over 4 hours.

7. Fingerposts

The trustees of CPRE Somerset have offered a grant of £325 to cover the cost of the paint for the three sets of white and black fingerposts that are in Ilminster. The fingerpost by the Market House is in the worst state of repair compared to the other two which are situated by Moolham Lane and on the turning for Cricket Malherbie on the way to Sea.

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AGENDA ITEM 7

Site	Task	Complete
Recreation Ground		
	Hedge by play park- reduce to improve visibility to toilets from road	Complete
	Hedge lay opposite Muchelney House	In progress
	Hedge Lay along IEF land	
	Reduce and tidy hedge by garages	
	Bench in corner of play park re fresh	In progress
	Straighten goal post	
	Tighten zip wire / ask Play UK to do when here	
	Tennis court notice board	complete
	Paint gate vehicle gate by tennis court	complete
	Remove extra bin by tennis court	complete
Canal		
	Repair damage to banks	
	Cut back vegetation on football side	Started
	Extend fence at bottom of canal to foot path at football club	complete
	Move bins at football club entrance to path	complete
Herne Hill		
	Put in updated map board	complete
	Put in wooded entrance signs	complete
West Crescent		
	Replace fence on to road	
	Spray tiles to stop slippery surface	
Winterhay		
	Hedge cut	started
	Crown lift trees	Obtain quote
Church Yard		
	Crown lift trees	
	Wet and forget paths	
Cemetery		
	Clear brash in bottom section	complete
	Clear along fence line	complete
	Remove rubble	ongoing
	Remove ivy on ham stone walls	complete
	Remove ivy on lodge	
	Clear flower bed at lodge	
	Replace water pipe post	complete