

Iminster Town Council Open Spaces Team
Senior Wardens Report - 11th April 2017
(Previous report 31st January 2016)

Work undertaken:

- Grass seed sown on bare soil at Brittens Field, the cemetery (where rubble was previously removed) and at West Crescent (where a trench had been dug by utility workers).



- Goal posts at the Wharf Lane football pitch sanded and repainted.
- Refurbished Hippo and Frog spring riders at Wharf Lane playground (Frog spring rider was later removed due to damage).



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- Bench located behind the Archie Gooch pavilion was removed and relocated to the top of the canal, after replacing its concrete base.



- Completed work on Herne Hill steps. All sets of steps have now been replaced, back-filled with wood chipping's and handrails installed.



- Cleared leaves and vegetation from the ditch at the eastern edge of Brittens field, to aid with water drainage into the canal.

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- Refurbished 2x memorial benches at IEF ground and cemetery, sanded, filled where required and given two coats of woodstain.



- Fifteen waymarker posts for Herne Hill prepared from donated timber.



- Kioti tractor repaired with a new hydraulic pump. Stiga ride-on mower also fully serviced.
- Tennis courts cleaned of dead moss with the use of steel bristled brushes. The surrounding fence has also had repairs carried out.
- Grass cutting has now resumed with a cutting schedule agreed by the Open Spaces Team.

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- Spanish bluebell on the northern slopes of the Herne Hill removed from three locations.



- Senior Open Spaces Warden and Open Spaces Apprentice carried out and completed Lantra All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) training
- Open Spaces Apprentice carried out and completed his Lantra Brushcutter award.
- Routine servicing carried out on all Open Spaces vehicles and ancillary equipment.
- Christmas wreath decorations left on graves at the cemetery have now been removed (5/4/17). Cemetery toilet also cleaned and disinfected.
- Cleaned Minster church flagstones and pathways with the pressure washer, to improve grip for pedestrians.



Planned work:

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- Playground repairs to be carried out Including replacing worn swing chains, installing a new seat and chain guard for the zip-line, repairing the frog spring rider and carrying out safety surface repairs with wet-pour filler.
- Plan and order plants for the summer flowers for the towns troughs, planters, hanging baskets and at the Minster church.
- Install waymarker posts on Herne Hill for a woodland nature trail.
- Repaint worn playground equipment at Wharf Lane and at West Crescent play parks.
- Remove Spanish bluebell from a further 2 locations on the northern slopes of Herne Hill.
- Remove remaining rubble currently at the look-out point and at Cleeves Close.
- Manage scrub growth at Cleeves Close area to maintain access.
- Grass cutting at all amenity areas as per the cutting schedule.

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