



Senior Wardens Report - 23rd May 2017
(Previous report 11th April 2017)

Work undertaken:

- The ditch which runs down the Brittens Field incline cleaner of litter and strimmed back.
- The grass bank next to the canal has been cut back.
- The grass banks at the cemetery have been cut and the lower part of the graveyard has been mowed to the same height as the rest of the site.
- The senior warden attended and completed the NPTC PA1 & PA6 pesticides course.
- The footpaths, rides and glades have been cut on Herne Hill.
- The waymarker posts have been installed on Herne Hill, clearly marking routes for site users.
- Remaining rubble has been removed from the ridge path view point.
- A bird box, donated by the Ilminster Brownies, has been installed on Herne Hill (two more boxes, plus two Owl boxes to be installed).



- A fallen tree on the eastern side of the Herne Hill was cut up and stacked into log piles on the woodland floor.
- A Mountain bike track, built during the Easter holidays, has been dismantled on Herne Hill.



- The area of Hazel band, coppiced in the Autumn, has begun to successfully regenerate.
- The Burma Star memorial garden has been weeded, the roses pruned back and then treated with Rose Clear for black spot and aphids.
- The new washdown point has been built by contractors and is fully functional - Open Spaces Apprentice designed and build a safety cover for installation over the drainage grate.

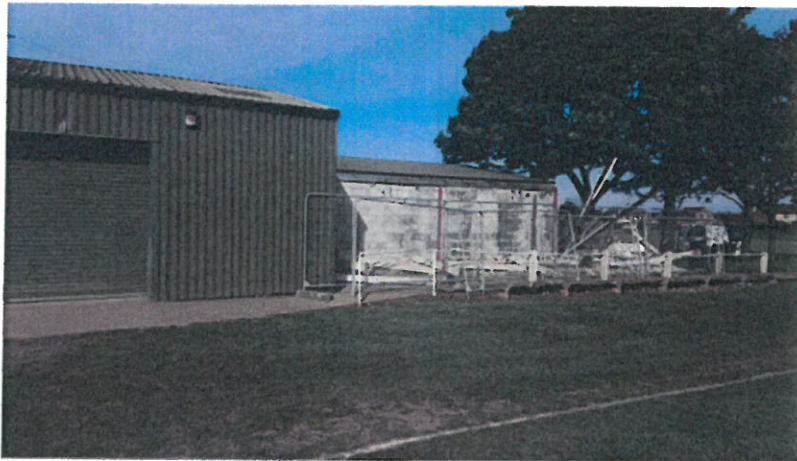


- The Football stand and tea room has been dismantled and removed by contractors.
- Selective herbicide has been sprayed across Wharf lane, the IEF and Brittens Field recreation grounds by SSDC Streetscene. This is a translocated herbicide and may take multiple weeks to be effective.
- Waste materials and rubble from previous work has removed from the Open Spaces compound and outside of the shed by SSDC to be disposed of.
- The bare muddy patches adjacent to the Open Spaces Team building have been dug over, seeded and rolled.
- The bench and commemorative plaque have been refurbished at the West Crescent plantation.

- Two benches within the Herne Hill woodland have been refurbished and treated.
- New blades have been fitted to the Trimax Snakes cutting decks, improving the quality of cut.
- A section of guttering was repaired at the Cemetery lodge.
- Routine servicing has been carried out on all council vehicles.

Planned work:

- The rubbish compound next the Wardens shed to be fenced off to improve its appearance.
- Spread topsoil and seed over the area where rubble has been removed from the ridge path view point.
- Consult with council and contractors to improve the area where the football stand and tea room was removed.



- Arrange for the Kioti ATV to have its 500 hour service.



- Fit the remaining small bird boxes and larger owl boxes.

- 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, repairing the gate and carrying out safety surface repairs with wet-pour filler.
- Repaint worn playground equipment at Wharf Lane and at West Crescent play parks.
- Grass cutting at all amenity areas as per the cutting schedule and regular watering of the town flower planters and troughs.

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