

Wardens Report
Open Spaces Committee 22 November 2016
(Previous report 25/10/16)

Work Undertaken (since last report)

- Began clearing leaves off Recreation ground.
- All general day to day duties carried out as per usual (Litter picking, bins etc)
- Still cutting grass in certain areas but has slowed down.
- Finished trimming hedges & shrubs at the cemetery.
- Finished coppicing large area of hazel on Herne Hill.
- Hired a wood chipper to begin clearing large amounts of hazel left from coppicing – we are now able to use chippings in muddy areas or on steps.
- Built wood stacks to improve wildlife habitat.
- Began making a dead hedge around the hazel band we coppiced.
- Refurbished spring rider Hippo at Winterhay.
- Began trimming hedges/cutting back paths on Herne Hill.
- Removed moss & weeds from the tennis courts.
- Finished clearing & tidying bluebell area.
- Installed troughs filled with winter bedding along Strawberry Bank.
- Refurbished Wardens trailer.
- Began limbing low branches on trees by canal.
- Been weeding town planters & minster bed.

Work Plans

- Clearing dead/fallen trees on Herne hill.
- Tidy/continue weeding Burma Star garden.
- Finish dead hedge around coppiced hazel area.
- Begin refurbishing any benches that need it.
- Putting chippings in areas that may present slip hazards.
- Finish cutting hedges/paths back on Herne Hill.
- Continue weeding/tidying town troughs/Minster bed.
- Install new steps near kissing gate by blue bell area.



General

- The Kioti tractor we use for cutting grass/flailing has a problem with the hydraulic pump. Basically it's still working at the moment, but very slowly, we have had the tractor mechanic out & he thinks it will go eventually. The cost of the official hydraulic pump is £1300, but he said there a possibility of getting an unofficial part at a cheaper cost.
- Iminster town football club had a firework display on Britten's field. It was a good community event & seemed like many more people turned out than last year. The damage to the field was minimal seeming it was dry.

