

Meeting	Parks and Open Spaces Committee
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Report Title	Autumn Shrub Bed & Hedge Maintenance
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Officer's Recommendations

To note the report.

2022 / 2023 Winter Shrub and Hedge Maintenance

The grounds maintenance team has continued the winter maintenance of shrub beds and hedgerows.

The team were bolstered by two temporary staff and one additional vehicle from 5th December, and it is the intention is that these staff and the vehicle will be with us until 31st March 2023.

The team had the use of a hired small tractor and side arm flail from 23 January – 3 February. The use of this was concentrated on areas of larger / higher growth and roadside areas where last year's growth was causing sight line problems.

The team is now mainly working in the Greenmeadow, Moredon and Woodhall Park areas.

The team continue to carry out extensive reduction to shrubs and hedgerows where the species will benefit from hard pruning and re-generate forming healthier and more manageable areas in the years to come.

The nature of the work has led to compliments from the public, negative comments have been reversed when we have had the opportunity to explain to the public the long term operational and financial benefits of the current tasks being undertaken.

Where good weather conditions exist this program will continue throughout the year.

Scheduled winter works have continued alongside this program.



Pictured above: Before and after pictures at Bluebell Path.