

Meeting	Parks and Open Spaces Committee
Date	8 th August 2023
Report Title	Head of Parks & Open Spaces Report
Agenda Reference	11
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Officer Recommendation: To note the report.

Daily Work Sheets 2023

51 carried forward from June. 79 new cases in July, 67 completed in July with 63 being carried forward to August.

Completed tasks/ Categories:

- Fly tipping 2
- Grass 2
- Graffiti 1
- Other 5
- Shrubs / trees 57

Public enquiries now have a reference number issued to reported tasks. This number can be given to the public when feasible. Daily work sheet information used to contain the basic information we now add more personal details so the outstanding tasks will not be published. Councillors Manro and Park are working on an improved reporting system.

Tidy Up Team

The Tidy Up Team has continued to help bolster the shrub / tree team assisting with overgrown shrubs and hedges in the afternoon after the main tasks of litter and bins have been completed. Standard ongoing tasks of litter picking, bin emptying, graffiti removal, fly tipping removal will continue throughout the winter months.

Bin Request for Polonez Court

A request was submitted for a litter bin to be installed at Polonez Court. An ongoing appraisal of litter in the area highlighted a potential need for a bin at this location. Public consultation is now taking place with residents.

Memorial Bench

Following June's Parks & Open Spaces Committee the Council agreed to the placement of a memorial bench at Voyager Drive Play Area. The bench and maintenance would be funded by the resident in line with the Memorial Bench Policy. Consultation with residents about the installation of a bench within that location is taking place.

Tadpole Field Trees for Climate

A plant count will take place in August with a list of replants ordered with a view to replanting taking place in the Autumn. The replant list will be adjusted to reflect species that have thrived in the conditions of the past two growing seasons.

Tiny Forest

The Tiny Forests bid has been submitted, and Earthwatch have confirmed that as there was sufficient capacity, all four of Haydon Wick's proposed sites at Heaton Close, Grace Walk, Luna Close and Voyager Drive have been included.

The Community Development Officer is attending a meeting with the three other Parish Councils and Earthwatch to discuss next stages of the project and community involvement. A decision on the bid is expected by November.

FoodCycle Swindon

The Community Development Officer is meeting with colleagues from Central Swindon North this week to discuss the FoodCycle project in more depth. The idea is that POST will create a storage area at each of the allotment sites for plot holders to donate surplus produce.

Haydon Wick will be working in partnership with the Gorse Hill Baptist Church, the Night Shelter, and the Salvation Army on the Food Poverty Programme along with SBC.