

Meeting	Parks & Open Spaces Committee
Date	Tuesday 21 st February 2023
Report Title	Parks & Projects Report
Agenda Reference	11
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Officer's Recommendation.

1. To note the team will be investigating options and costs for wet pour surfacing cleaning within all play areas to bring to a future meeting.

Background

The team continues to assist in other areas of the Parks & Open Spaces Team with the emptying of public litter and dog waste bins and will be assisting in the street cleaning.

The team is sorting through this year's ROSPA Inspections and have already sorted some of the mediums and low risks. They will continue to go through it over the next few months.

The team would like to investigate hiring a small pedestrian sweeper to see if it will clean the wet pour within the play areas and if this works, obtain costs for purchasing (where budget allows). A comparison will be done for an external company to clean all the play areas. They could also price up a company to come out and clean them all.

The team has also been investigating options to secure Tadpole Field and has presented findings in a separate report for the Committee to consider.

Works Completed

Location	Work Completed, August / September	Date Completed
Various	Several play areas have been blown out and cleared of leaves or moss. Tree lines are being cut back from some fences.	Ongoing
Blossom Park	The fitting of three sleeper benches around the raised bed.	11/01/23 09/02/23
Pioneer road	Moved the dog bin from the dirt track to outside by the path about 8ft from old position.	03/02/23
Meeting room	Artist rails are now in the meeting room ready for their exhibition.	15/02/23
Gaynor Play Area	Built a wet pour ramp up to the accessible equipment	01/02/23 03/02/23
Havisham	Refitted Tommy bench due to ground bolts failing	14/02/23

Working Towards

A schedule has been drawn up throughout February/March 2023 to allow the Officers to progress with the priorities to put the team in good stead for the projects to be conducted in 2023/2024.



Location	Working towards	Time Scale
Various Play Areas	Play Area floor repairs	This is ongoing weather permitting.
Various Play Areas	Working on any actions required from this year's annual external play area inspection.	These are ongoing as unable to put time scale and will be put in works completed in future reports.
Capesthorne Play Area	Further repairs to the surface and unit tidy up.	These are ongoing as unable to put time scale and will be put in works completed in future reports.
Havisham	Refitted Tommy bench due to ground bolts failing.	14/02/23.
Voyager	Refit new to play equipment.	This will be fitted when it arrives 2023.
Brookfield Play Area	To start the climbing ramps to the side of the slide	March 2023.

Looking Forward

The team will be continuing with the in house play area refurbishments like Capesthorne along with other small items on the inspections and surface repair.