

Meeting	Parks & Open Spaces Committee
Date	Tuesday 2 nd July 2024
Report Title	Parks & Projects Report
Agenda Reference	11
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Officer's Recommendation

1. To note the report.

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 Graffiti.

The team has recently taken ownership of the hedges that are attached to the fences of the Play Areas, many of which are very dense and are encroaching on the boundary. The team is working through the schedule and making progress, also improving upon visibility into the play areas to make them appear safer and more welcoming.

The team continue to help the Office Team with the setting up of the meeting room in the Council Offices for the regular bookings and assist with setting up the Memory Cafe at the Bowls Club every other Wednesday.

Paperless Reporting System

The team is still investigating options for a paperless reporting system. It is hoped that the requirements can be captured and integrated into the new POS reporting system launching soon.

Works Completed

Location	Work Completed, August / September	Date Completed
Various	Several play areas have been tidied up and the hedges have been cut. Some of which are on there 2 nd or 3 rd cut.	
Trent Play Area	Painting has started with the baby and junior swing frames	19/06/24 20/06/24
Havisham and Voyager	Both Play Areas now have brand new climbing nets fitted.	10/06/24 11/06/24
Brookfield Play Area	Rocker seats had rotted out so new ones were made up and fitted.	4/06/24
Luna Play Area	Rocker was broken off the base, so a new base was made and fitted .	30/05/24
Voyager Play Area	The basket swing ropes were damaged by twisting the swing. These were replaced with a cost of £300. Six weeks later they were damaged again. The team has now replaced them with chains.	18/06/24
Brook field Play Area	Repaired the surface with two arrows showing direction.	14/06/24



Working Towards

A schedule has been drawn up throughout May/June 2024 to allow the Officers to progress with their priorities to put the team in good stead for the projects to be conducted in 2024/2025.

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.	Ongoing.
Capes Thorne Play Area	Further repairs to the surface.	This is ongoing
Brookfield Play Area	To start the climbing ramps to the side of the slide will need 2 - 3 weeks constant to get it finished	Not started due to time schedule to have .and unable to close area off.
Play Areas	Completing the hedge cutting around the Play Area fences	Ongoing between other jobs
Play areas	To continue with painting of Trent field Play Area and possibly paint other swing units	Ongoing.
Bus shelters	To paint the shelters and replace the Perspex	Over the next 5 months weather permitted due to painting.

Looking Forward

The team will return to repairing wet pour surfaces and will paint Play Area equipment when the weather gets warmer, and the paint is able to dry.