

Meeting	Parks and Open Spaces Committee
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Report Title	Leisure Garden Plot Holders Communication Responses.
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Background

Following the Annual Plot Holders Meeting which took place in October 2023.

Maintenance Schedules

There will be a scheduled maintenance program put in place where grass areas will be cut excessive litter removed.

The first cut will take place WC 18th March 24 and the last cut WC 23rd September 24 (depending on the weather conditions). After this date, cuts will be as required until the beginning of the new season March 2025.

Notice Boards

Rose Walk notice board is to be repositioned nearer to the entrance of the site. The time scale for this is by the end of April 2024

Ventnor Close there will be a new notice board purchased and located at the bottom pedestrian entrance to the site. The time scale for this is by the end of April 2024

Goodearl, construction of the parish grounds maintenance facility (GMF) will start shortly and continue throughout the summer. During this time the notice board will be temporarily relocated near the main gates.

Communications in general will be improved by displaying recent events and actions after each of the 4 weekly leisure garden inspections.

Goodearl Grounds Maintenance Facility (GMF)

The new building is on course to be completed in the autumn, along with the building there will be improved public parking. Also, one of the current on site shipping containers will be positioned for use by the tenants to use for storage. Two of the original temporarily closed plots will be returned to active plots. Storm water will be harvested and recycled on site to be used for plant irrigation.

Rose Walk

The main hedgerow between the site and Furlong Close will be cut back and the Silver Birch trees trimmed from ground level to encourage fresh and regular growth.

Water Troughs

Feedback from the survey carried out in October 2023 showed a desire for further troughs to be available at Rose Walk. The logistics of any new troughs are still to be considered and then costs will be requested from suitable contractors to supply and install.

