

Meeting	Parks & Open Spaces Committee
Date	Tuesday 7th January 2025
Report Title	Parks & Projects Report
Agenda Reference	13
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Officer's Recommendations – to note the report.

Background

Assisting Parks & Open Spaces Team with the emptying of public litter and dog waste bins and Graffiti and have recently taken ownership of the Leisure Gardens maintenance and the grass outside the Office. All areas are up to date and nicely maintained but will keep an eye on the grass in case there is a growth spurt. There will be some winter works in these areas. Continue with occasional caretaking work and setting up the Memory Cafe every other Wednesday.

The painting of Play Areas is on hold due to the weather being either wet or very cold.

Paperless Park Inspection Reporting System

Investigated an inspection app, they are waiting for a call back with a cost and a demonstration online. Updates will follow. This will save on paper and administration time of scanning and saving.

Works Completed

Location	Work Completed, August / September	Date Completed
Various	Christmas parade screens built Office Christmas lights Christmas parcel shopping.	17 th to 29 th Nov 24 2/12/24 5 th , 6 th , 10 th Dec 24
Brookfield	The rocker seesaw has been rebuilt and replaced	19/12/24
Bowls Green	The play area gate was removed and the post was reset in post create and the gate now closes as it should	12/11/24 13/11/24
Various	The rocker had new handles and foot rests fitted. Also gates in Trent field, Galloway and Luna were repaired which are now working correctly.	25/11/24 26/11/24
Various	The benches in Voyager, Heaton, Havisham, and Capes thorn have all had timbers replaced due to rotting.	14/11/24 20/11/24
Village Green	New rope has been fitted to the unit and is now in working order.	09/12/24
Haydonleigh bus stop.	Perspex has been replaced with an old unbroken sheet.	10/12/24
Taw Hill	The new bob the cat memorial has now been fitted in Taw Hill at the entrance to the co-op car park.	18/11/24
Ventnor Allotments	The handrail at the top gate has now been fixed to allow plot holder to go down the steps safely.	4/12/24



Working Towards

A schedule has been drawn up throughout January/February 2025 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
Bus stop opposite Morrisons	To cut the hedge away from the Bus shelter so to stop the hedge and ivy growing through	December – March 2025
Various	To start fitting new spinning bowls, two seesaws and play panels to existing play areas.	January to April 2025
	Removal of moss from surfaces	December / March 2025
	Removal of old equipment and fitting new pieces	December / March 2025
Waterside	Clearing out of Waterside before moving to the new GMF	November - February 2025