

Meeting	Parks & Open Spaces Committee
Date	Tuesday 5th November 2024
Report Title	Parks & Projects Report
Agenda Reference	13
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Officer's Recommendations

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/dog waste bins and graffiti.

The team has now taken ownership of the maintenance of the Leisure Gardens and the grass outside the Office. All areas have recently been cut twice, so they are now ready for winter. The team will keep an eye on the grass in case there is a growth spurt. There will be some winter works going on over the winter.

The team continue to help the Office Team with any care taking work and set up to Memory Cafe at the Bowls Club every other Wednesday.

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

The team has also held several meetings with the Play Area Working Party (see separate report) to confirm the current status of the play areas, future maintenance plans and budget aspirations for 25-26 onwards.

The team has also been working with the Tools, Machinery & Site Manager to consolidate tools for the move from Waterside to the Grounds Maintenance Facility and map out space and storage requirements for the workshop area.

Works Completed

Location	Work Completed, August / September	Date Completed
Various	Several play area hedges have been cut. Some of which are on their 5th or 6 th cut.	September / October
Brookfield /KGV Voyage Play Area	Leaves have been blown out of these Play Areas Three times now. This will be carrying on over the next two months.	Late September/ early October
White Eagle Play Area	The junior unit has now been completed and rebuilt.	02/10/2024
Village Green Play Area	The overhang of trees and brambles along with the hedges in the Play Area have now been cut back as to protect the surface and mainly stop the children running into the brambles.	17/09/24
Gaynor Play Area	All areas of Gaynor Play Area hedges have been cut ready for winter. The only Area left is by the Camera due to Wasp nesting in the ground	19/09/24



Mouldon Hill	Another bin has been placed in the new carpark at Mouldon Hill. Also, the dog bin at the barrier has been replaced	06/09/24
Cagney drive	The concrete caps for the pillars over the brook have all now been re-cemented on. Due to two of them falling off.	17/10/24

Working Towards

A schedule has been drawn up throughout November/ December 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
Bus stop opposite Morrisons	To cut the hedge away from the Bus shelter so to stop the hedge and ivy growing through.	November/December
Play Areas	Continue to cut hedges that are attached to the fences.	All to be completed between September and December 2024
Play Areas	To continue to blow leaves and remove moss from the surfaces.	November / December 2024
Play Areas	To repair six benches with timber within Capesthorne, Havisham, Voyager and Heaton.	November 2024