

Meeting	Parks & Open Spaces Committee
Date	Tuesday 5th September 2023
Report Title	Parks & Projects Report
Agenda Reference	13
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Officer's Recommendation

1. To note the report.

Background

Over the last few weeks, the team have returned to doing the play areas and other tasks within their remit.

The Sensory Garden is very near completion and is looking great, with only a few little touch ups here and there. The team assists with the set up and take down of the Memory Café every other Wednesday and recently assisted with the setup of the Summer Tea Dance.

The team has also worked with the Youth & Community Co Ordinator to develop a exercise trail in thirteen of the most used play areas, this included fixing the QR codes to the play areas and assisting in mapping out where the codes can be found. This will be a great opportunity to promote the play areas.

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 have taken ownership of the hedges that are attached to the fences of the Play Areas which they have started at Heaton and White Eagle and Brookfield. The team will begin painting play areas shortly, but this will stop in the winter months (Nov-Jan) and be picked up early spring ahead of the peak season.

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. Wick Farm, Trent Road and Primrose Play Areas have been completed this month.	Ongoing
Goodearl Allotments	Memory Cafe sensory garden.	Near completion
Heaton Play Area	Heaton Play Area hedge has been cut right back.	25/08/23
Elstree way	Hedge around the two benches has been cleared.	25/08/23
Brookfield Play Area	The hedge between the park and the slide has been started.	25/08/23



Office	Deputy Clerk's office has been painted	31/08/23
Skate Park	Fence panel have been put back between the MUGA and the skatepark	30/08/23
X 13 Play Areas	Placing super hero fitness signs for the Youth worker	01/09/23

Working Towards

A schedule has been drawn up throughout April/May 2023 to allow the Officers to progress with their 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.	Ongoing.
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.
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 will need Two to Three weeks constant. to get it finished	July/ October 2023
Play Areas	Completing the hedge cutting around the Play Area fences	Finish by the end of October
Play Areas	Painting of Play Areas	Over the next 4 months