

Meeting	Parks & Open Spaces Committee
Date	Tuesday 5th March 2024
Report Title	Parks & Projects Report
Agenda Reference	14
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Officer's Recommendation.

1. To note the report.

Background

The team has been clearing moss on the play area surfaces over the last three months and this is part of an ongoing programme.

The team has 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 has now been to Village Green, Gaynor, and Wick Farm.

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

Works Completed

Location	Work Completed, August / September	Date Completed
Various	Several play areas have been blown out and cleared of leaves or moss. KGV, Voyager, Village green. All done Three times	January, February 2024
Office	Movement of computers and desks ready for new staff.	24/01/24 – 07/02/24
Wick Farm Play Area	Cut back Hedge around apple tree so it's more open.	10/01/24 – 11/01/24
Gaynor Play Area	Opened the hedges right up and removed the ivy from the trunks of the pines.	11/01/24 – 19/01/24
QED Play Area	Removed a lot of the moss from around the park.	15/02/24
Rushmere power station	Painted over Graffiti	31/01/24
Village Green Play Area	Cut the hedge by the gate away from the fence and reduced the height	23/01/24
Planter in GLL carpark	Cut back the hedge around the parish planter for easy access.	30/01/24
Brookfield, Bowls Green, Capes Thorne	Removed as much moss as possible around each Play area.	05/02/24
Haydon leigh drive Bus stop	Re riveted the metal panel back onto frame.	14/02/24



QED Play Area	Removed old, dated baby Swings and replaced with new	15/02/23
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Working Towards

A schedule has been drawn up throughout April/May 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 and unit tidy up.	These are ongoing as unable to put time scale and will be put in works completed in future reports.
Brookfield Play Area	To start the climbing ramps to the side of the slide will need 2 – 3 weeks constant work to get it finished	January onwards 2024
Play Areas	Completing the hedge cutting around the Play Area fences	Finish by the end of March 2024
Havisham, Voyager, Brookfield	These are the last Hedges to be cut by the team. They will all be completed by the end of March.	Feb /March 2024

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.