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Tidy Up Team
The Tidy Up Team continues to bolster the shrub / tree team assisting with overgrown shrubs and hedges in the afternoon after the main tasks of litter and bins have been completed. Standard ongoing tasks of litter picking, bin emptying, graffiti removal, fly tipping removal continue throughout the winter months. There has been an increase of household waste being deposited in public litter bins. New notices requesting that the public refrain from this practice is to be placed at recorded hot spots.

Vehicle Maintenance
SF16 HVX required a new driver's seat adjustment mechanism we had an initial quote of £2256.36 for a new unit. The Head of Parks & Open Spaces sought costs from two other companies for the work to take place. One of these was unable to supply a cost and the other one did not respond to our enquiry. The original company sourced a second-hand unit and supplied us with a revised cost of £820.00 to supply and fix. This quotation was accepted.

Akers Way Bank Maintenance
This is ongoing, the team spent two days (2nd and 3rd May) on this maintenance. There is approximately 1 days work left to complete by Friday 10th May.

Memorial Bench at Voyager Drive Open Space
This bench has been installed and the resident who funded the bench in memory of her son passed on her thanks to the Parks and Projects Team for the supply and installation.

Bob the Cat Plaque at Taw Hill Shops
A request from a resident for permission to install a 300mm x 400mm slate plaque at ground level into one of our shrub beds to the front of Taw Hill shops.

The wording would be something like:

Bob the Cat
Dates
Missed by many but forever on patrol

Bob the cat was a fixture of the shops for many years.

The Council maintains the shrub beds on behalf of Swindon Borough Council. If the request was given all permissions by the management agents for Taw Hill shops, then the cost to remove a small area of shrub bed would be free of charge.

SSE Tadpole Field
To note that in July SSE will be installing a temporary timber pole into Tadpole Field. This is to carry power lines whilst a replacement pole is installed within the boundary of Swindon and Cricklade Railway. It is anticipated that the temporary pole will be in situation for 48 hours. All reinstatement works to the ground will be completed by SSE.

Community Payback Tadpole Field
The community payback team spent a day in Tadpole Field, strimming around the planted areas and cutting walkways through the long grass. The Council supplied strimmer cable and two stroke petrol for their days work approximate cost £20.00. The intention is that the community payback team will spend one further day on site to complete the works required.

Bin Mouldon Hill
Permission has sought from Swindon Borough Council to install a litter bin in the north car park at Mouldon Hill once resurfacing works are completed. The bin in the regular car is well used and once the surfacing of the north car park is complete, it is assumed that this will be an improved popular destination for more vehicles. Cost to the Council will be approximately £100.00 for labour and materials. A second hand bin will be installed.