

Meeting	Parks and Open Spaces
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Report Title	Head of POST Report
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Officers Recommendation

1. To note the report.

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. Planters and hanging baskets have been replenished and placed out on site. Main ongoing maintenance of these at this time of year is watering. Watering is also required at Grace Walk Pocket Forest and the Memorial Tree at the skate park.

Vehicle Maintenance

- **Kubota.** The Kubota mowers had baskets fitted to them on the 28th August. These baskets will allow petrol driven blowers to be carried on the machines. The blowers will then be used by the Kubota operators to remove grass cuttings from hard surfaced areas once an area has been cut.

Pond Street / Orchid Close

A request from a resident and cyclist of Gorse Hill that SBC invests some finance into repairing the cycleway / footpath in this area. The resident was advised to contact their SBC ward members.

Dog waste Haydonleigh School footpath.

A issue was raised by the headteacher at Haydonleigh School about the amount of dog waste not being removed along the public footpath between Morrisons supermarket and the school grounds. Signs have been placed along the footpath to encourage the public to clear up after themselves

Traffic on Haydon Farm Lane - E mail received 13 August 2024

Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2024 3:41 PM

Dear Sir or Madam,

I hope you can help.

I live on Thursday Street in Haydon End. On the opposite side of the path outside the front of my property are bushes behind the railing. The bushes are on public land owned by the council, but they are so horrendously overgrown that they are growing through the railings and across our



grass and into the path. The bushes are thorny and dangerous and obstruct people from walking safely down the path.

Over the last two summers I have cut off the dangerous parts but it is too much to keep up. The bushes grow incredibly quickly and are dangerous to touch. They need to be heavily pruned on the council own land so they are under control and do not grow onto private property making it dangerous to access.

The block of flats at the end of the pathway is owned by a management company who are also not cutting back the bushes on their land.

Request for a dog bin

A request has been received for a dog bin to be installed at the junction of Cagney Drive and Cooper Fields. This point is midway along the footpath that follows the stream from Emerson Close down to Elsham Way. It is also mid-way between bins located at Emerson Close and Wayne Close.

Public consultation would be required to cover 32 properties.

There is a new bin in stock so cost would be minimal with just installation to be carried out by the POST team.

