

Meeting	Parks and Open Spaces Committee
Date	14 th March 2023
Report Title	Autumn Shrub Bed & Hedge Maintenance
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Officer's Recommendations

To note the report.

2022 / 2023 Winter Shrub and Hedge Maintenance

The grounds team has continued the winter maintenance of shrub beds and hedgerows.

The team is now working in the Greenmeadow, Moredon and Oakhurst areas.

The team continue to carry out extensive reduction to shrubs and hedgerows where the species will benefit from hard pruning and regenerate forming healthier and more manageable areas in the years to come.

The Council still receive enquires from the public which lead to an inspection of the areas and then action taken out where required.

Scheduled winter works for 2022/2023 have continued alongside this program but will now cease as the spring/summer peak season is here. The winter projects list for 2023/2024 will be developed throughout the season and visited on wet weather days where appropriate.

Grass Cutting

With effect from 6th March 2023 until the end of October 2023 (weather permitting) the Grass Team is dedicated to the grass cutting schedule. The team will be closely followed by a team of back up operatives strimming and blowing and the street sweeper will be leaving each area neat and complete. The average cycle across the parish is three weeks (weather permitting) and the schedule begins in Abbey Meads, then carries on to Haydon Wick, Moredon, Haydon End, Oakhurst.