

Meeting	Parks & Open Spaces Committee
Date	Tuesday 4th March 2023
Report Title	Parks & Projects Report
Agenda Reference	12
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Officer's Recommendation.

1. To note the team will be investigating options and costs for wet pour surface cleaning within all play areas to bring to a future meeting.

2. The team is asking if they can take ownership of the five hanging baskets on the office, Two Troughs at the entrance of the car park and the raised beds at the top of Thames Avenue, the previous supplier) is closing down and is unable to do them.

The team will be able to complete this within a week when they need doing. The top of Thames Avenue will be set up with flowers all year round and will only need weeding as required.

Background

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 has also helped the Office Team with the setup of the meeting room in the Council Offices and assisted with set up of the Memory Café 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. 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	Plan and build an area for the Memory café	Ongoing
Basil Play Area	A member of the team helped the other teams to build a fence around the Play Area	14/03/23 15/03/23
Allotment sites	Turned all the water back on to all the sites.	27/03/23

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.
Capesthorpe 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	April/July 2023
Trent Field Play Area	To look for ideas for the refurb of the Play Area	2023/2024

Looking Forward

The team will be continuing with the in-house play area refurbishments like Capesthorpe along with other small items on the inspections and surface repair.

The team have been involved in fitting the new fence around Basil Play Area. The Grass Team and Deputy Manager were also Involved. They are waiting for the gate to be delivered.

There is a large rock inside the park which may need to be removed due to a possible safety issue. The Team are confirming whether the area requires re-inspected due to the new layout.