

Meeting	Parks & Open Spaces Committee
Date	10 th January 2023
Report Title	Parks & Projects Report
Agenda Reference	12
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Officer's Recommendation

1. To note the contents of the report.

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 will be assisting in the street cleaning schedule.

There has been a delay in some of the projects due to the team needing to assist this spring/summer with the hedge cutting schedule. Some of the outstanding jobs require milder weather conditions, so these are planned for the spring.

The team had also been tasked with displaying and taking down the Christmas lights.

RoSPA Inspections

The team is sorting through this year's ROSPA Inspections and have already sorted some of the mediums and low risks. The team will continue to go through it over the next few months.

At the previous Parks & Open Spaces Committee it was agreed to proceed with the annual play area inspection through RoSPA again for 2023, the findings of this will be received in February and will be reported to the Play Area Working Party.

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.	Ongoing

Working Towards

A schedule has been drawn up throughout October/November to allow the Officers to progress with their priorities to put the team in good stead for the projects to be conducted in 2022/2023

Location	Working towards	Time Scale
Various Play Areas	Safety wet pour surface repairs	This is ongoing weather permitting.
Various Play Areas	Working on any actions required from this year's annual external play area inspection.	These are ongoing as unable to put time scale and will be put in works completed in future reports.



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
Gaynor Close Play Area	Build a wet pour ramp up to the unit.	November 22

The team will be continuing with the in-house play area enhancements along with other small items on the inspections and safety wet pour surface repairs.

There are a few repairs needed within some of our play areas which are due to age of play area and its equipment. The team will investigate getting prices within this financial year's budget and provide a report to a future meeting.

Queen Elizabeth Drive Benches

The benches were removed as they were damaged and needed to be repaired. The team has not replaced the timbers but slightly reduced the size of the bench, in turn this will offset against previous of youths congregating and was cost neutral. The team plans to reinstall the benches week commencing 9th January 2023.