

Meeting	Parks and Open Spaces Committee
Date	12 September 2023
Report Title	Head of POST and Tidy Up Report
Agenda Reference	7
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Officer Recommendations

1. To note the report.
2. To consider the Community Plot usage at Ventnor Close Allotments and give suggestions of future engagement activities.

Daily Work Sheets August 2023

65 carried forward from July. 48 new cases in August, 43 completed in August with 70 being carried forward to September. Completed tasks / Categories:

- Fly tipping
- Grass 2
- Litter 1
- Graffiti
- Other 6
- Shrubs / trees 34

Public enquiries now have a reference number issued to reported tasks. This number can be given to the public when feasible. Daily work sheet information used to contain the basic information we now add more personal details so the outstanding tasks will not be published. A new reporting system is in its implementation stages and will be rolled out through October, this will aid the process and capture the data, such as which team has been allocated, which ones are priorities and which deadlines are looming based on the Council's service level agreements.

Tidy Up Team

The Tidy Up Team has continued to help 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 will continue throughout the winter months.

Allotment Community Plot

There are two designated areas at Ventnor Close Allotments that are maintained by the Council. One area consists of three raised timber planters and two benches. In the past, the Council has invited children from Greenmeadow Primary School to come and plant the areas. Then to make a return visit to see results of their planting exploits. The other site is a full plot that this season has been planted by and maintained by current allotment tenants.

Would like to get input from Councillors as to suggestions of future community involvement and councillor participation on the two plots.

**Crocsec Security**

To note the keyholding service for Haydon Wick has been renewed for 2023 / 2024 with Crocsec Security. This agreement will run from April 2023 – March 2024 and is being met from existing budgets.