

Meeting	Parks and Open Spaces Committee
Date	7 th November 2023
Report Title	Head of POST and Tidy Up Report
Agenda Reference	7
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Daily Work Sheets August 2023

57 tasks carried forward from September. 63 new cases in October, 76 completed in October with 65 being carried forward to November. Completed tasks / Categories:

- Fly tipping 4
- Grass 4
- Litter 2
- Graffiti 1
- Other 5
- Shrubs / trees 60

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 throughout the winter months.

Vehicles

- The Goupil (electric vehicle) has been repaired and now fully functional. We are pursuing a complaint against Bradshaw After Sales as to their delayed handling of this repair.
- BP68 MYV Transit van had its MOT on 26th Oct it failed on brake pads. It has remained with the garage for repair / service and retest. With an estimated completion date of 3rd November.
- WD65 UKO Minibus is booked in for MOT on the 8th November.
- OV23 HYB tractor was off the road for 1 ½ days with side arm failure this has now been repaired.

KGC & Skate Park winter opening and closing times.

To note from Wednesday 1st November King George and Skate Park will be opened at 8.30am and closed at 5.00pm. To recap week days (not including bank holidays) we open the parks around 8-8.30am. Our external security close evenings and open/close at the weekend and bank holidays.

Trent Road Play Area Refurbishment 23/24

We have a start date for the works of Monday 6th November 2023. We have received permission from the Shield and Dagger manager for a shipping container for used by the



contractor to be placed on the public house carpark. Depending on weather conditions the works are anticipated to take no longer than 5 weeks to complete.

Festive Park Run

To note that Seven Fields Park Run will be running two extra events:

Monday 25th December 2023 and Monday 1st January 2024. Their other Swindon Park Run venue at Lydiard Park is closed on Monday 25th December 2023.

AFC Haydon Vale

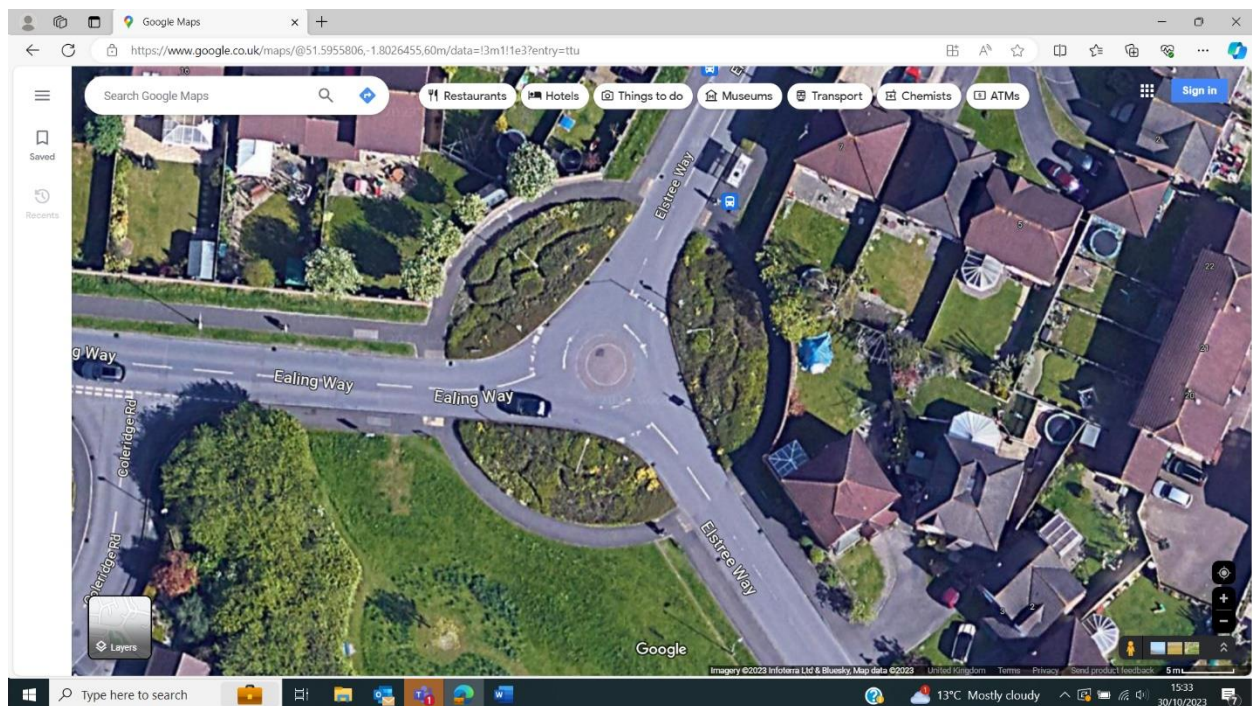
We have received a report of floodlights being used for training purposes at Trent Road Field during the evening. As per the T&Cs: training is permitted until 8.00pm, 7 days a week. There is no mention on the use of floodlights. However, there is a condition:

AFCHV shall not cause any undue nuisance or annoyance to any residents or other users of the public open space.

We received an update from the Club on the 1st November to confirm they have not been training with floodlights.

Shrub Bed Removals

With the potential to have a tractor and side arm on a more prolonged basis. The previously proposed removal program has been revised with the priority of any removal based purely on grounds of health and safety. The one area that would benefit from any removal would be the three roadside shrub beds at the junction of Elstree Way and Ealing Way. Regenerates quickly and needs cutting 3-4 per year.



These areas could be heavily flailed then blinded with top soil and seed a budget cost for this would be £500 for materials.

Labour costs would be covered by full time grounds staff operations. Other areas that could benefit by excessive reduction would be road junctions, to improve sight line problems.