

Meeting	Parks & Open Spaces Committee
Date	2 nd June 2026
Report Title	Parks & Projects Update
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Background

The team continue to help the Office Team with any care taking work and set up Memory Cafe at the Bowls Club every other Wednesday.

The changing of bin heights is ongoing. The team has adjusted 36 bins. The bin team are finding it a lot easier to remove the bag when heavy.

The team have been supporting events from the office with the easter egg hunt and bear hunt on setting up and giving out eggs.

Paperless Reporting System

The team has been doing the inspections with the new app and it's going well. The team is looking into prices for a new iPad to use for the inspections.

Wetpour Safety Surfaces

The team is aware of repairs that need attention with surfaces etc., they will get on to these when weather allows. The team is also investigating options for Brookfield Play Area as discussed at budget setting to cover the bark pit with wetpour safety surfacing and potentially upgrade equipment.

Works Complete

Location	Work Completed, Jan/Feb	Date Completed
Kelly Gardens Play Area	Jet washed the surface and repaired the concrete around a drain on the outside as it was on the RoSPA inspections.	07/05/26 08/05/26
Grounds Maintenance Facility	The tent at the Grounds Maintenance Facility (GMF) has been moved to the back to accommodate the fuel and play surface wet pour rubber.	23/04/26
Heaton, Havisham, Village Green Play Areas	Hedges have been tidied up.	27/04/26
Leisure Gardens	Grass cutting is on track with the use of the new ride on mower.	ongoing
Gaynor Play Area	Refit new parts to the climbing unit	05.05/26 18/05/26
Capesthorpe Play Area	Removed four hawthorn trees from near the fence of the play area due to safety concerns with large thorns and berries making surface slippery.	17/04/26 12/05/26



	Replace with birch trees away from fence line.	
Sensory Garden	Finished the final part of the sensory garden with edging and wood bark.	12/05/26 13/05/26
King George V (KGV) Play Area	Removed sweeping seesaw and repaired surface. Also repaired seesaw due to coming loose.	07/04/26 08/04/26
Dog Bins	Adjusted seven dog bin heights.	21/04/26
Dog Park	Dog park is now complete.	20/02/26

Working Towards

A schedule has been drawn up throughout September/October to allow the Officers to progress with their priorities to put the team in good stead for the projects to be conducted in 2025/2026

Location	Working towards	Time Scale
GMF	To sort out equipment, tools etc. at GMF	Ongoing
Dog bins	To continue with lowering bin heights throughout the parish	Ongoing
Thyme Play Area	To replace the two tyres on the seesaw	June 2026
Various Play Areas	To continue to jet wash play areas. Primrose and Galloway will be next.	June/July 2026

Looking Forward

To improve the layout in the GMF building with tools on walls and the workshop area set up for future repairs of benches, bins or play area equipment.

To continue spring with cutting allotments and starting new projects.