Agenda Item 4

For Information: An update on the town's parks and green spaces

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This report provides a summary about what's happening in the town's parks and green spaces and what's happened recently. It is intended to be a purposeful, list-based update for the committee and the town: succinct and neat; and quick to read and reference.

The first part of the report focuses on projects and discrete pieces of work (meaning work with clearly identifiable end points). This work is split into three categories: **recently completed**; **ongoing** and **coming soon**. Projects and works listed in the coming soon category are expected to be completed in between Council Matters meetings.

The second part of the report notes the day to day work that is being completed at the present time: namely the essential maintenance and upkeep that happens whatever the weather. This is mentioned for completeness; but also for context (we necessarily have to balance time spent on upkeep with time spent on improvements).



Recently completed

- Building surveys in Victoria Park, including the bandstand
- Electrical reports for the buildings in Victoria Park (EICRs) including follow-up works
- Tree works in Victoria Park and Rodden Meadow
- Tree planting in Victoria Park
- An upcycled set of steps leading to the bandstand in Victoria Park
- A new look for the corner of Victoria Park nearest the bowls club
- TLC for the thatch roof of the bandstand in Victoria Park

Ongoing

- Improving the steps at Millennium Green
- Discussions with MDC about Egford Lane play area and green space
- Improvements to the bandstand in Victoria Park, including planting the surrounding area

Coming soon

- Fitting Singer's interpretation boards in the town centre (including one in Foundry Barton)
- Improving the final set of steps at Millennium Green
- Play area improvements at Packsaddle
- Play area improvements at Tower View, including outdoor fitness equipment
- Ranger training on mowers, strimmers and brushcutters
- Wild about Frome signage and information
- Summer flowers around the town centre



Day to day

- Grass cutting
- Keeping paths clear
- Play checks
- The Market Place fountain
- Watering and feeding plants and establishing trees