

Agenda Item 3

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. It's 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: 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

- Improved steps at Millennium Green (with the final set of steps now finished)
- Four Singer's interpretation boards in the town centre
- Two new benches in Victoria Park (in sunny spots; facing the bandstand)
- Play area improvements at Packsaddle

- **Local consultation about Chapmans Close**
- Play area improvements at Tower View, including outdoor fitness equipment
- Ranger training on mowers, trimmers and brushcutters
- Summer flowers around the town centre
- New bins in various spaces, including Mary Baily

Ongoing

- Discussions with MDC about Egford Lane play area and green space
- Discussions with SCC about Frome's Speed Indicator Device (SID)
- **Wild about Frome signage and information**

Coming soon

- A community noticeboard for Edmund Park
- Wildflowers coming out, including daisies and buttercups by Packsaddle



Day to day

- Grass cutting
- Keeping paths clear
- **Play checks**
- The Market Place fountain
- Watering and feeding plants and establishing trees
- Watering and TLC for the summer flowers, including the bed on North Parade