

Agenda Item 8

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 a list-based update for the committee and the town; something that's succinct and that's 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
- Coming soon

Projects and work listed in the coming soon category are expected to be completed between Council Matters meetings (although things like the weather and tricky ground conditions can sometimes get in the way of this...)

The second part of the report notes the day to day work that is being completed at the present time and the essential maintenance and upkeep that happens whatever the weather. This is mentioned for completeness, but also for context, because we necessarily balance how much time we spend on upkeep with time spent on improvements.



Recently completed

- New gates for the children's play area at the Old Showfield
- Wild about Trees planting days at Birchill & Weylands. Around 1,300 new trees planted
- General tidy up after the February storms; including fallen trees in Victoria Park and at Packsaddle
- New Lead Ranger appointed. Congratulations to Ranger Dave on his promotion
- Christmas. Done dusted and neatly wrapped now
- A little TLC for the orchard trees at the Showfield and Millennium Green

Ongoing

- Recruiting a new Ranger after Josh moved on to new things
- Discussions with MDC about Egford Lane and the old allotments site off Broadway
- Discussions with SCC about Frome's Speed Indicator Device (SID)
- Thinking about a new design for the low fence that runs along Chateau-Gontier Walk

Coming soon

- Appointing Frome's new Wild about Trees Project Officer
- The start of the grass cutting season
- Spiking and slitting the grass at the Old Showfield and in Mary Baily & Victoria Park to improve the drainage



Day to day

- Play checks
- The Market Place fountain
- Final hedge cuts before nesting season
- Pruning shrubs and general tree works

Lastly...

It's great to see the spring-flowering bulbs planted around the town starting to come out, including the new daffodils at the Town Hall.

