
Report To: Full Council **Date:** 26 February 2024

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Subject: Services Update

1. Services Work Completed (4 weekly update)

1.1 During the last four weeks, the team completed the following:

- Fly tipping and bin emptying – some improvement on flytipping by bins
- Hedge and shrub cutting Toothill and Freshbrook completed – plus follow up visits to places that were not cut due to obstacles/restrictions
- Path edging in Toothill
- Routine play inspections

1.2 Play improvement work has been undertaken including

- Replaced signs and posts at Shelfinch following vandalism
- New plane rocker made and installed for Oliver Close
- Shrinkwrap rubber testing on rope swings has proved successful
- New high pressure washer machine tested on rubber play surfaces successfully

1.3 **Project Work**

The team have completed

- Shrub clearance around 17 subways entrances 34 in total
- Cleaning and scraping bridges
- Tregoeze Way shrub reduction for sight line issues
- Bin additions x 2 – Mannington footways behind Carpet right and near Wootton Bassett Road bus stop
- Bin additions x 1 – Toothill village centre
- Facilitated purchases for the Clean and Green fund
- Tidied entrance points to Washpool
- Tested utility agricultural vehicles

1.4 **Income Generation:**

Payment for village centre maintenance £9,990

1.5 **Requests for Service:**

The team have received a range of requests from the public, mostly broken glass, overgrown vegetation for private property, subway flooding, flytipping.

1.6 **Land ownership**

- a) Alleyway at Chudleigh (established that it is owned by residents)
- b) Queries at Russley Close

1.7 **Cross Parish Support - None**

2. Services Work (March 2024)

2.1 For March the focus will be as follows:

- Two staff on tractor training
- Preparing for grass cutting - hand clearance of verges and parkland (litter, debris, stones etc.)
- Premises checks
- Play equipment cleaning

2.2 Play Maintenance

Routine inspections and repairs

Annual inspections are booked so a review of any outstanding issues will be undertaken. Replacement equipment to be confirmed at Whitehill Park.

Review trim trail at the Chesters. Review edging at Bloomsbury Park.

2.3 Planting

None.

2.4 Village Centre Maintenance

Agree planting scheme for Shaw VC and Freshbrook.

2.5 Bins and Flytipping

Business as usual.

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