
Report To: Full Council

Date: 28 April 2025

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Subject: Services Update

1. Services Work Completed (4 weekly update)

1.1 From March into April, the team have reoriented to the grass cutting programme. The second cut is underway.

1.2 An extra bin emptying round was completed over the Bank Holidays to keep overflowing bins to a minimum and was largely successful at achieving this.

1.3 Project Work

The team have completed

- Fencing at Nine Elms basketball and Shaw Forest
- Easter decorations in the village centres
- Road sweeping has got underway – no notice given unfortunately to support advance awareness to the public

1.4 Income Generation:

Scrap metal income £79.00

1.5 Requests for Service:

The team have received a small number of requests from the public, flytipping reports, road sweeping queries.

1.6 Land ownership:

Wall ownership in Freshbrook, query on Hampton Drive which resulted in SBC Tree Team cutting and clearing.

Cross Service/Parish Support

1.7 The Parish team have used mulch from Old Town Gardens for West Swindon shrub and hedge beds.

2. For the month ahead

2.1 For the end of April into May:

- Continue mowing routes
- Tidying of roundabouts
- Cleaning road/street signs (potential use of a contractor for a day)
- Village centre decorations for VE Day/Anniversary
- Installation of last remaining play equipment

3. Other updates:

- 3.1 As a reminder, the Friday sessions being delivered by ATB at Rivermead will run from 4.30-6.30 pm starting from 25th April 2025 – up to the end of September.

Street Art Murals

- 3.2 Three murals have been completed at Bodiam Drive, Rowton Heath Way to the Link Centre and Brookfield School. A fourth is likely to be funded by Volkswagon Group by Peatmoor Lake.
- 3.3 We will continue to promote the work completed to date and work on achieving additional subways to be painted either by sponsorship or volunteer placements.

West Swindon Art Trail

- 3.4 We have created a map to showcase the outdoor art works across West Swindon, a copy is attached as **Appendix A**. This will be updated as new artworks emerge.

Corton Crescent

- 3.5 The work to create a garden at Corton Crescent will get underway. Sculptural pieces have been made by Ashmore and Allen and will be the main focal points.

VE Day

- 3.6 The village centre Easter artworks will be replaced by the Tommy figures and bunting with a VE day sign at each of the centres. These will go out from 2nd May to 12 May.

4. Potential Projects Ahead

Parish Mascot

- 4.1 Similar to the Easter Bunnies, we have considered creating a Parish Mascot character that could be used to create a 'Where's Wally' type trail in our outdoor parks – the location of the trail could move each year. Suggestions on the mascot would be very welcome.

Mini Libraries

- 4.2 Creating some small outdoor bookcases that could be positioned on pavements or in key locations for free book pick up and exchange.