
Report To: Full Council **Date:** 22 January 2024

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Subject: Services Update

1. Services Work Completed (4 weekly update)

1.1 Noting the Christmas closure, the Parish Council team focused on litter and flytipping in the week before Christmas. Routine work over the last four weeks as follows:

- Fly tipping and bin emptying – increase in waste collection due to ongoing collection of plastic waste presented in bags and use of litter bins for dumping of household waste
- Hedge and shrub cutting Toothill and Freshbrook
- Routine play inspections

The team collected 10 tons of waste from litter bins, 13 tons of green waste, half a ton of hardcore and 2 tons of wood across the weighbridge in December.

1.2 Play improvement work has been undertaken including

- Fencing at Nine Elms replaced
- Scraping path edging at Shelfinch
- Site meetings at Bess Road for replacement MUGA

1.3 **Project Work**

The team have completed

- clearing green waste from volunteer work (Risingham Mead)
- clearing dirt and debris from walkways after subways have drained
- monthly pick up after volunteer group litter picks
- manual removal of falling/fallen trees ongoing (Grange Park, Peatmoor, Blagrove, main roads)
- Christmas event Westlea Fire Station
- moss scraping – Toothill
- big litter sweep along Tewkesbury Way to Hook Street
- mower repair and servicing ready for the new season
- hand tool repairs
- full shrub and tree maintenance and tidying around Toothill Village Centre
- maintenance at Blagrove allotments (division and tidying)
- bin replacement – Mannington subway

1.4 **Income Generation:**
Scrap metal income £48

1.5 **Requests for Service:**

The team have received a range of requests from the public, mostly faulty street lighting, broken glass, SBC waste collection queries, leaf clearance and flytipping. Councillor requests: volunteer waste collection, moss clearance, fallen trees, bin emptying, information requests, parking queries, blue bag collection, and flytipping

1.6 **Land ownership** – none arising this month.

1.7 **Cross Parish Support**
None.

2. Services Work (February 2024)

2.1 For February the focus will be as follows:

- Completion of hedge and Shrub Cutting programme in Freshbrook
- Reduction work Stamford Close,
- Tidying up and edging work at Crawford Close/Cottington Close grass spaces

2.2 Play Maintenance

Routine inspections and repairs

Team will be trialling the use of a shrink wrap rubber added to rope swings ends to tackle vandalism.

2.3 Planting

None.

2.4 Village Centre Maintenance

Improvement work ongoing with planters in readiness for planting at Freshbrook. Ongoing tidying at Shaw Village Centre

2.5 Bins and Flytipping

Business as usual. New bin delivery expected end of January.

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