
Report To: Full Council**Date:** 16 June 2025**Contact Officer:** Paula Harrison**Subject:** Services Update

1. Services Work Completed (4 weekly update)

- 1.1 For June onwards, the primary focus of the team has been on business as usual with bin emptying, grass cutting and a change over to Summer bedding plants.
- 1.2 Project work has included prepping for the student mural, this has involved pressure washing and applying a base coat, purchasing paint and completing risk assessments. Work has continued with distributing surplus food, completing the little library and creating additional litter picking stations.
- 1.3 A mini project was undertaken to use the depot window cleaner for a day on road sign clearing. On a single day and a cost of £300, the majority of signs were able to be cleaned. Feedback was that the signs were heavily grimed and took more effort to clean/remove than anticipated. Undertaking this work would be more effective in the Winter.

**1.4 For the month ahead**

For the end of June into July:

- Commission Shaw Ridge play area refurbishment

- Watering planters
- 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

1.6 **For the month ahead**

For the end of June into July:

- Commission Shaw Ridge play area refurbishment
- Watering planters and creating new heights on the multi planters
- Installing the graffiti/street art wall at Rivermead

2. Weed Control

- 2.1 The Operations Manager has requested quotes for spot spraying a herbicide across all roadside and outer kerb lines in the Parish. The lowest quote is just under £12,000. The spraying would be timed so that it could followed by our second road sweep a few weeks later.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Parish Council confirms the commissioning of weed control at a cost up to £12,000.