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**Report To:** Planning & Environment Committee

**Date:** 15 September 25

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**Subject:** Shrubs & Bulb Planting

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## 1. PURPOSE

1.1 To update this Committee on Autumn shrub and bulb planting.

## 2. UPDATE

### 2.1 *Shrub Planting*

During the Autumn period, the Parish Team undertake planting projects. This Autumn, a review of the hedgerow on Hay Lane will take place with additional planting where there are gaps. Infill planting on poor shrub beds will be undertaken at Yarnton Close.

### 2.2 *Shrub Cutting*

The team will soon be advancing on the winter hedge and shrub cutting schedule. Any obstructions to pedestrians or visibility issues that arise before the planned cut will be dealt with as and when reported. As a reminder the annual cut follows the same route each year as set out below:

October to November	Sparcells, Nine Elms, Grange Park, Peatmoor and Middleaze
December to January	Ramleaze, Shaw, Eastleaze and Westlea
February to March	Toothill and Freshbrook

### 2.3 *Bulb Planting*

Each year the Parish Council adds bulbs to key areas across the Parish.

In 2024 locations were Afleck x 3, Beaulieu, Bodiam drive x 8, Corfe road, Ely x 3, Gainsborough x 7, Mead way x 5, Middleleaze x 4, Peatmoor way, Sparcells footpath, Sparcells drive, Toothill shops, Whitehill way (volvo garage end).

#### *New locations:*

Main road clumps along 'The Ways', Pevensey Way, Beaumaris Road, Middleleaze Drive, Swinley drive, Portmore Close footpath, Idovers Drive, Bodiam Drive slip road,

We are also proposing to add the number 50 in recognition of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of West Swindon on a large scale in key locations such as Bodiam Drive and Shaw Ridge.

## 3. FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS:

3.1 The cost of bulb planting including some feature '50's will be in the region of £1500 and will be assigned to the Floral Planting budget.

## 4. RECOMMENDATION:

4.1 It is recommended that the Committee considers the information in the report and instructs the team accordingly.