

ABINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

Report to	Environment and Amenities Committee
Meeting date	11 January 2022
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Cemetery & Outdoor Services Managers Report

1. **Purpose of the Report**

To update members on the activity of the works team.

2. **Summary**

The team have had a busy end to the year working on various projects alongside their regular duties.

3. **Action required and recommendations**

Members are requested to note the report

4. **Link to strategic plan and objectives**

The teams work since the last meeting has impacted positively on the councils four key objectives

5. **Background**

The council employs a team of 5 operatives managed by myself to provide direct services.

6. **Key information and options**

Weeding of flower beds and tubs as the weather has been mild encouraging weed growth.

Trimming Yew trees and Conifers in Spring Road Cemetery.

Making safe collapsed Victorian vault in Spring Road Cemetery.

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Frequent clearance of leaves on pathways and formal areas.
Regular inspection, litter picks and maintenance of play parks and council land.
Several burials and ashes interments.
Dealing with wind damaged trees and repairing fences.
Installation of bollards to restrict vehicular access to land at Chilton Close.
Installation of benches at Margaret Brown Gardens.
Restoration of hard standing surface at MG Garden
Placed order for 27 various trees and 150m of native hedging (450 plants)

7. **Climate change/green implications**

Some aspects of the works team activities will have an adverse effect whereas others have a positive effect. All actions taken by the works team are carried out in a manner considerate of sustainability and environmental impacts

8. **Financial/budget implications**

N/A

9. **HR implications**

No additional HR implications from this report.

10. **Supporting papers and appendices**

None.