

ABINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

Report to	<i>Environment and Amenities Committee</i>
Meeting date	3 August 2022
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Agenda item	14

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 spring 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**

Watering trees planted earlier this year.

Clearing flower beds of winter bedding, preparing and early planting summer bedding in Market Place beds ready for QPJ.

Installing hanging baskets and Basket trees into their summer locations.
Watering and maintenance of floral displays.

Cemetery and play park etc grass cutting.

Regular inspection, litter picks and maintenance of play parks and council land.

Several burials and ashes interments with a very busy period in late May.

Reduction of row of trees/overgrown large hedge at West End Allotments.

Removal of redundant Christmas lights from town centre trees.

In May we once again welcomed Hatwells Fun Fair to Ock Meadow where all went well with no incidents or litter problems etc to report.

Much of the teams time in late May/Early June was spent on the QPJ events.

All members of the team attended Fire Marshall training along with Roysse Court staff.

New play equipment has now been installed in Chilton Close and Boxhill Recreation Ground. This equipment has significantly improved play value for the early years/junior age ranges in these parks. I will now be considering options for improvement in other parks as discussed at previous meetings of this committee.

We've taken delivery of the 6 items of fitness equipment that the team will be installing in Caldecott Recreation Ground.

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.