

ABINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

Report to	Environment and Amenities Committee
Meeting date	20 th February 2024
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Cemetery & Outdoor Services Managers Report

1. **Purpose of the Report**

1.1 To update members on the activity of the works team.

2. **Summary**

2.1 The team have had a busy winter working on various projects alongside their regular duties.

2.2 The works team has recently been joined by a fifth employee, James, who has previously spent five years maintaining the Abbey Garden and grounds for the Vale of White Horse District Council.

3. **Action required and recommendations**

3.1 Members are requested to note the report.

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

4.1 The team's work since the last meeting has impacted positively on the council's four key objectives.

5. **Background**

5.1 The council employs a team of four operatives managed by myself to provide direct services. The works team is currently one employee short and with the summer on its way will look this year to using agency seasonal staff.

6. **Key information and options**

6.1 **Activities:**

- Maintenance of winter bedding and tubs
- Hedge cutting
- Assisting with Christmas light installation and last minute works.
- Regular inspection, litter picks and maintenance of play parks and council land.

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- Play Park/equipment rectifications following vandalism and inspection
- Weekly Market Place deep cleans
- Graffiti removal
- Cemetery interments and enquiries
- Tree works attending to wind damage and work identified in the recent tree survey.
- Fence repairs following storms.
- Maintenance tasks at Roysse Court, The County Hall and depot.
- Bus shelter repairs
- Leaf clearance
- Cemetery improvements – Works have now begun on the landscaping of the infant burial area. Photos attached.

Hillview path

This project is now complete. Pictures attached.

Caldecott Recreation Ground MUGA

Our contractors have made good progress with the structure and sub-base installed, tarmac and line painting will complete the project.

7. Climate change/green implications

7.1 Some aspects of the works team activities will have an adverse effect whereas others have a positive effect.

7.2 All actions taken by the works team are carried out in a manner considerate of sustainability and environmental impacts

8. Financial/budget implications

None.

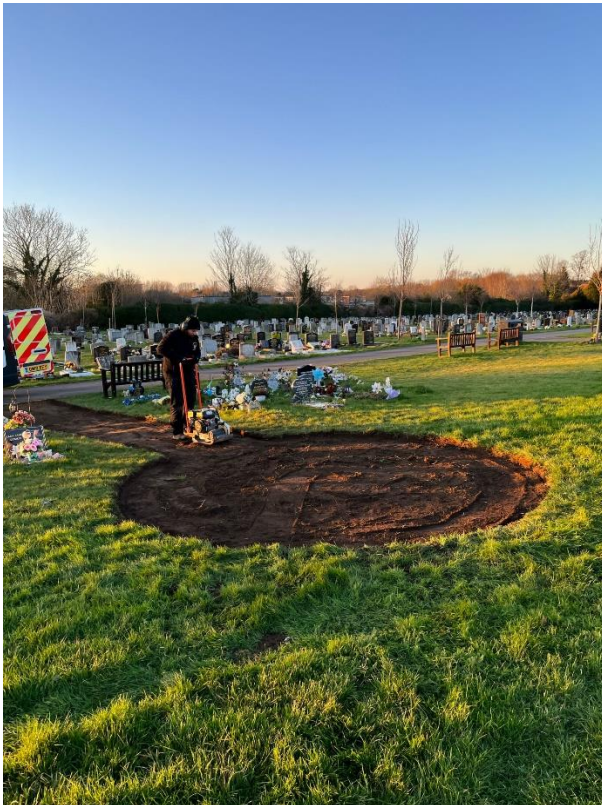
9. HR implications

9.1 No additional HR implications from this report.

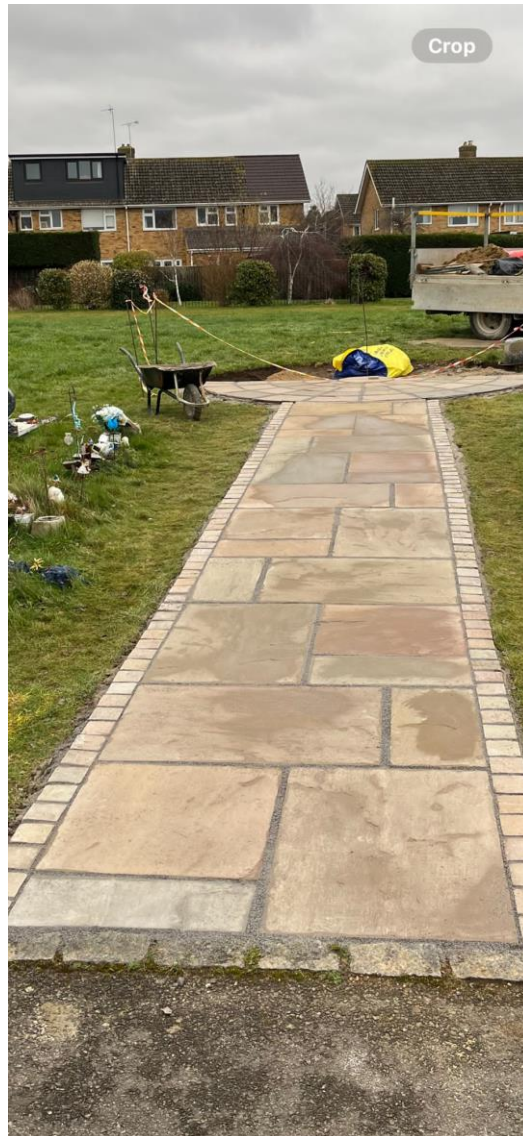
10. Supporting papers and appendices

See photos below.

Cemetery improvements



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