

WORKS DEPARTMENT

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Properties:

- **Butchers' Hall Repair & Restoration works.** Restoration work has now commenced on Butchers' Hall with all slates and windows removed and underside timbers being scraped and cleaned. Works progressing to schedule. See photographs of Butchers Hall roof repairs below:-



- **Museum/Courtgate.** Parapet stonework has been inspected. Awaiting quotes (estimated costs £12,000).

Looking ahead:

- New cemetery soak-away & re-surfacing of tracks & paths complete by Dec 2016.
- Specifications completed for the work following on from survey of Cemetery Chapel, Cemetery Lodge & the Cemetery office - scheduled for spring/summer 2016.

Maintenance:

- **On-going programme of equipment maintenance and replacement.** The roundabout in the Meadows Play Park has been removed and replacement equipment is being looked into. Springer taken away due to vandalism.
- Barber Shop East End Stores have had a new door fitted
- **Trees** - a total of 9 trees in the Meadows, Pearce's Meadow & BMX track ear-marked for removal because they are dead, diseased or dying. In addition work will be taking place on the Tree of Heaven in the grounds of Betsy Grimbal's tower. (end of July 2016)
- **Benches** - the bench register is complete and so far 50% of the benches been tagged for easy identification.
- Fire extinguishers have been installed within the Guildhall

Looking ahead:

- Investigating further repairs to the iron footbridge over canal adjacent to tennis courts (repairs now completed)
- Urgent repairs to bandstand roof, April/May 2016 (works complete)
- Repairs to gyro-spiral play-park equipment in Courtlands and Whitchurch

Land Management:

- **All routine land management tasks carried out** (refer to activities list)
- **Whitchurch Down Management Plan 2016-2020** currently being drafted
- **Britain in Bloom** - judging for Tavistock in Bloom took place on 11/07. A reception in the Town Hall, hosted by the Mayor and followed by walk around the town and lunch in the Bowling Club. Results will be announced on 06/10 at an award ceremony in Taunton. Plymouth Road Cemetery has been entered under the 'In Your Neighbourhood' category and judging takes place on 14/07. TTC have installed all the hanging baskets and are undertaking weekly watering.
- Work on the replacement of the post and wire fencing at the old quarry site on Whitchurch Down has been completed.
- As a one off only, TTC undertook path clearance along canal path leading to Monksmead on health and safety grounds as a partnership initiative due to Hydro Power being unable to mobilise

Looking ahead:

- Bannawell Park – contractors will start to work on inspecting the culvert on 18/07/16 with a view to resolving drainage issues in Bannawell Street/Butchers Hill.

Cemeteries:

- 4 internments (1 green burial and 3 ashes)
- Updates to Cemetery Rules & Regulations currently underway
- Temporary repairs to potholes carried out

Projects:

- **Sensory Garden/Petanque project** on-going, planned for meeting 20/07.
- **WHS Tinth Celebrations**, planning is underway for a series of linked events in Tavistock. The Man Engine will be commencing its tour of the World Heritage Site from Tavistock on 25.07.16.

House-keeping/other:

- **Training** – One operative has completed and passed B+E trailer course on 7/07/16. An operative is booked on C1+E trailer course for 01/08/16.