

**TAVISTOCK TOWN COUNCIL
WORKS MANAGEMENT REPORT**

1. Works Department

Property Maintenance

The internal redecoration to one of the Market Road properties has experienced delays due to significant damp within the property. Work is scheduled to recommence late February now the property has had time to dry out, work will include addressing the damp concerns and completion of the redecoration project.

A review of the CHUBB fire and intruder alarm respective contracts for our municipal buildings is currently being undertaken. To date one contract has been let to an alternative provider due to significant cost savings.

The General Manager & Works Manager held a site meeting with the Tennis Courts recently, discussions included the committee's plan to apply for permission to install solar panels as well as concerns relating to the increase in seagulls along the canal and debris from the nearby trees.

Grounds Maintenance

Following the initial site meetings with providers, the deadline for the Bannawell Play Park quotations is 27th March. It is anticipated the works for proposals that are successful at consultation will take place September 2023.

The tree planting initiative reported on previously was successfully achieved this month, with WDBC & TTC working productively together to get all 30 trees planted over the course of 1.5 days. A press release will be issued by WDBC & TTC in due course and the trees will now form part of the Town Council's Tree Conservation & Maintenance policy.

Routine hedge maintenance is currently being undertaken by the Depot prior to the grass cutting season starting.

The Works Manager is currently in discussions with Environmental Health due to ongoing concerns reference household waste being littered in the Canal. The individual undertaking the harmful activity is known to EH, a CPW-Community Protection Warning will be issued.

There is also a separate issue of commercial food waste being left in the public bins within the Meadows which the Works Manager is currently investigating.

New signage is scheduled to be installed in relation to ongoing concerns regarding dog fouling in our open spaces as well as feeding of the ducks which unfortunately has attracted an increase in vermin along the canal and is contrary to Government advice in connection with bird flu.

Officers successfully completed the three-day First Aid at Work course.

The Cherry Picker has been hired for private use in February with a second enquiry pending.

Last Year the Works Manager commissioned a company to undertake soil sampling at Plymouth Road Cemetery. The excess soil at the cemetery from the dug graves is reaching full capacity and room for alternative sites within the boundaries of the cemetery are limited. The test results have come back confirming the soil mound is contaminated and thus classed as hazardous waste which means a specialist licence would be required to remove the excess soil from site. The Works Manager is awaiting a quotation relating to the costs involved for such works to be undertaken.

Events & Community Working Partnerships

Tavistock Lions have requested the support of the Works Depot once again this year to erect the town bunting. The bunting is scheduled to be installed at the beginning of May to fall in line with the town's celebration for the Kings Coronation.

The Lions have also booked the Meadows on Sunday 9th July for their annual Fun Day in the park.

The Town Council have once again quoted Tavistock BID for the 2023 Town Hanging Basket watering provision.

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