

# Maintenance Team Report

October 2014

## **Grass Cutting**

Grass cutting continues to be the main task during the summer months and the conditions have provided little respite in this aspect of work. Grass cutting involves 102,924m<sup>2</sup> of Town Council land and 499,898m<sup>2</sup> under contract for Oxfordshire County Council.

## **Litter Picking**

Litter picking in the Summer months is undertaken on seven days of the week within the play areas and the Memorial Gardens.

## **Floral Displays**

The Maintenance Team have been watering and maintaining the town centre hanging baskets and the summer bedding planted at The Millennium Circle, the entrance planters and the flowerbeds in North Street, Pickenfield and Pearce Way.

## **Town Hall**

The floral basket brackets have been repainted and will be refixed shortly. The notice boards have also been restrained and will be refixed following completion of the renovation work. Assistance was provided with the reorganising of the office layout. The flower tubs outside the Town Hall have been cleaned and replanted with autumn bedding following the removal of the scaffolding from the front elevation of the building.

## **Memorial Gardens**

The specialist carpet bedding design has been planted and maintained in the Memorial Gardens to mark 100 years since the start of World War One.

## **QEC**

The children's sand pit has been topped up with approximately 10 tonnes of soft washed non-staining sand.

## **Vane Road**

A new dog bin has been installed on the verge and added onto the agreement for emptying with SODC.

## **Skate Park**

Repair work to the equipment continues trying to ensure it remains in use until the new ramps are installed. The vehicle access gate from the football club into the Skate Park has been moved to prevent cars being parked on the grass beside the facility.

## **Southern Road Recreation Ground**

The football goal posts have been repainted and installed in preparation for the football season. The changing rooms have been cleaned and replacement toilet seats fitted. The changing rooms will now be cleaned following any football matches.

## **Hedge Cutting**

Hedges bordering Council owned land are in the process of being cut with particular attention being paid to those abutting footpaths.

## **September Fair**

Each year the Maintenance Team has to complete a number of operational tasks in preparation for the September Fair. As with previous years, all the car park signage, floral standards and traffic islands are removed. Road closure signage and cones were put out in a timely manner to warn residents and visitors about vehicle restrictions and additional refuse bins were placed within the Upper and Lower High Street to cater for the increase in litter during this period.