

Maintenance Report

April 2023

Winter Preparation

Thankfully no heavy snowfall during the winter meant the salt spreader and snow plough were not needed. The tractor mounted salt spreader has been cleaned and stored and the operational unit has been removed from the tractor.

Hedge Cutting and Tree Work

The programme of winter hedge cutting on Council owned land has now been completed. Low tree branches and basal growth has been removed from trees where required.

Grass Cutting

All grass cutting machinery has been serviced and the first grass cut of the season has just commenced.

Litter Picking

Litter picking of all main recreation grounds, memorial gardens and play areas will be undertaken seven days per week from May with the work undertaken on a rota basis by the Maintenance Team.

Cuttle Brook

The ditches and stream continue to be checked and cleared of debris, especially following flood alerts from the Environment Agency. The Maintenance Team dismantled a 'camp' in the Nature Reserve and removed several pieces of furniture.

Seasonal Bedding

The seasonal bedding requirements for summer and winter, including the hanging baskets has been finalised with a theme of red, white and blue to celebrate His Majesty the King's Coronation. The contract is within budget lines.

St Mary's Church

The Maintenance Team assisted with the churchyard tidy day on 9 March 2023, originally planned for December but postponed due to prolonged icy weather. Grass cutting has commenced on a regular basis and in line with the specification for maintenance of the churchyard. Clearance of ivy from walls and trees has been undertaken and the boundary hedges cut.

Play Areas & Skate Park

All play area surfaces within the six plays area have been jet washed.

Southern Road Recreation Ground

Several empty cooking oil containers were dumped at the rear of the Scout building. The fly tipping has been reported to Thames Valley Police. CCTV footage of those involved plus the vehicle has been passed to Environmental Health at South Oxfordshire District Council.

Elms Park

An old wooden bench located just inside the park near the school has been removed as it was no longer safe. A metal bench has been installed in its place.

The rocker elephant in the play area was broken on 15 February and removed.

Town Hall

Routine servicing of the automatic door to the Information Centre has been undertaken.

A small square external windowpane to the side of the Town Hall was broken over the weekend of 11/12 February. This has been treated as an act of vandalism and reported to Thames Valley Police. The window has been reglazed.

The Maintenance Team have completed PAT testing on electrical equipment at the Town Hall according to the testing schedule.

Event Support

The Maintenance Team have provided assistance with operations for the following events:

- Tuesday Market
- Help with car parking on Long Crendon Bridge on the day of Don Butler's funeral
- Spring Market – 24-26 March

Depot

The Maintenance Team have completed PAT testing on all electrical equipment at the depot according to the testing schedule.