
Report To: Full Council **Date:** 27 January 2025

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Subject: Services Update

1. Services Work Completed (4 weekly update)

- 1.1 Noting the Christmas closure, the Parish Council team focused on litter and flytipping for two weeks around the festive period.

Routine work over the last four weeks includes:

- Fly tipping and bin emptying – increase in waste collection due to the season
- Intensive clearance work at Cowdrey Close and Tintagel Close, Toothill due to large volume of littering from recycling collections
- Hedge and shrub cutting Toothill and now starting Freshbrook
- Routine play inspections (once weekly)

- 1.2 Play improvement work has been undertaken including

- Moss removal and edge scraping
- New swing hangers at Nine Elms
- New equipment ordered for Camden Close

1.3 **Project Work**

The team have completed

- completion of defibrillator installation
- monthly pick up after volunteer group litter picks
- supporting Shaw Fab group with tree removal
- support to Toothill Big Local with premises queries
- manual removal of falling/fallen trees ongoing across the Parish
- Christmas tree decorations in village centres
- Christmas event at Westlea Fire Station
- small tractor side arm broke and is being refitted
- tractor servicing
- mower cleaning and light servicing ready for the new season
- hand tool replacements
- community pantry collections

1.4 **Income Generation:**

Scrap metal income £31.00

1.5 **Requests for Service:**

The team have received a small number of requests from the public, mostly broken glass and litter. Complaint received about long grass.

1.6 **Land ownership** – none arising this month.

1.7 **Cross Service/Parish Support**

- Sharing sweeper costs between Parishes.
- Walkabout held with SBC Housing and Warden team to identify issues and agree responses.
- Liaison with Swindon BC regarding mapping/leases

2. Services Work (February 2025)

2.1 For February the focus will be as follows:

- Completion of hedge and Shrub Cutting programme in Freshbrook
- Reduction work on tall laurels
- Litter A Boards to be completed and installed
- Replacement vehicles with new tipper due for delivery

2.2 **Play Maintenance**

Routine inspections and repairs.

Replacement zip wire, new goals and trail equipment ready for Whitehill park but waiting for drier ground conditions.

2.3 **Planting**

None.

2.4 **Village Centre Maintenance**

Easter themed work being prepared.

Bins and Flytipping

2.5 Business as usual.

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