
Report To:	Planning, Leisure & Environment Committee	Date:	10 March 2025
Contact Officer:	Paula Harrison		
Subject:	Projects Update Report		

1. Projects Update

Youth ATB Sessions

- 1.1 Following the discussion at the last meeting of this Committee, ATB have been grant funded to deliver the following
- Friday sessions at Rivermead from 4.30-6.30 pm
 - Start date 25th April 2025 – up to end of September
 - Sessions will run through August subject to ATB staff availability
 - Sessions to be cancelled due to weather conditions or staff sickness will not be charged.

Street Art Murals

- 1.2 Three murals have been commissioned, these are at Bodiam Drive, Rowton Heath Way to the Link Centre and Brookfield School. The artists chose their preferred subway size/theme. Work should be completed by the end of the month and will be launched for the Easter holidays as part of a celebration of art/sculpture walk across West Swindon.
- 1.3 It is hoped that after these new pieces have been completed and we have generated publicity, that we may be successful at securing sponsorship for further murals.

Hay Lane Hedgerow Planting

- 1.4 The team have removed dead wood, ivy and bramble through the Hay Lane hedgerow which has been thin and weak over time. The team will be replanting over 400 whips of hornbeam to reinvigorate the Hay Lane hedgerow. Chestnut paling fencing has been installed to reduce any gaps to the roadside.

Litter picking A Boards

- 1.5 The Two Minute Litter Pick A Board promoting has been installed at Peatmoor Lake. It has been used with bags being left by the board or public bin. So far, no damage or theft to report.

The Parish Council has promoted the Great British Spring Clean for Keep Swindon Tidy. The dates are 21st March to 6th April and is a national campaign to encourage local people to clean up and litter pick where they live. To support this, the mobile Two Minute A board is being trialled in a few locations to test out interest. Locations include Shaw Ridge and Middleleaze play area.

Play Update

- 1.6 A completed request for quotation has been shared with Central Swindon North Parish Council with a view to jointly commissioning play refurbishment within one advertisement for Shaw Ridge play area.

2. Costings/Financial Implications

- 2.1 The projects detailed above have had their costs approved in previous minutes and should stay within the reported budget amounts.
- 2.2 The budget for the refurbishment of Shaw Ridge play area is fixed and combining with another Parish Council has had the goal of maximising the value added from a larger commission. This is often detailed through discounts on the supply of equipment.

3. Policy Implications

- 3.1 The Parish Council has not jointly commissioned goods with a partner Parish Council before and therefore linking together timeframes for decision making and documentation may not be successful.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 That this Committee considers the information in this report.