
Report To: Full Council **Date:** 29 July 2024

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Subject: Services Update

1. Services Work Completed (4 weekly update)

1.1 During the last four weeks, the team has progressed the following:

- Grass cutting ongoing - assessing as we progress
- Handmowing and strimming
- Rural verges with tractor side arm
- Liaising with artists for feedback/outline costings for mural works
- Finalising defibrillator and bleed kit locations
- Mulching planted areas
- Delivered woodchip to volunteers and the allotments
- Removal of flytipping
- Reviewed electric mowers on trial
- Cleared and mulched volunteers planter at Godolphin Close

1.2 Play improvement work has been undertaken including

- Replaced slide at the Chesters
- Installed trampoline at Mead Park
- Replaced bark pit with grass matting at Shelfinch
- Removed vandalised equipment at Shelfinch

1.3 Project Work

None

1.4 Income Generation:

Cut and cleared rear of Toothil Community Centre.

1.5 Requests for Service:

The team have received complaints about overgrown vegetation across the Parish. Hedges obstructing footpaths have been cut back. Weather has been a major contributor to rapid seasonal growth.

1.6 Land ownership

Query regarding Ripplefield passed to Swindon Borough Council

1.7 **Cross Parish Support**

Tyre changing support to St Andrews

2. **Services Work August 2024**

2.1 For August the focus will be as follows:

- start hedge cutting on open spaces where the ground is soft
- ongoing tackling brambles
- ongoing grass cutting

- Progressing community pantries
- Completion of progress on securing designs and prices for subway murals

2.2 **Play Maintenance**

Parts commissioned for low level play improvements

Commissioned Kompan to refurbish the unit at Whitehill park

2.3 **Planting**

Watering containers, weeding and roundabout maintenance

2.4 **Village Centre Maintenance**

No additional treatments planned

2.5 **Bins and Flytipping**

Business as usual.

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