

Handyman Report

(to 28th January 2022)

Jubilee Clubhouse / Recreation Field / Outside areas.

Regular activity

- Clearance of litter from the recreation field at the start and at the end of the week. The incidences of dog faeces of the bagged and unbagged type continue but at a low level.
- The approach road, car park and play area at JCH have continued to require attention due to seasonal conditions in order to maintain a tidy, safe appearance and to try to keep the drainage points from the tarmac area clear. Increased volumes of mud in the car park after weekend use has added to the clean-up time but is only to be expected.
- The cemetery has required access road clearance and removal of wilted tributes, damaged pots and containers, etc to maintain an acceptable appearance. The spoil storage area remains a concern.
- The smoke detectors and emergency lighting in JCH continue to be tested weekly and recorded.
- The play area at JCH is inspected weekly and records kept. The conclusions of the annual inspection have yet to be discussed formally and appropriate courses of action determined. The bark surfaces are forked over regularly and weeded as necessary. Some time was spent removing substantial roots from the adjacent hedgerow which were evident within the bark to avoid the risk of tripping / injury.
- Areas within the Parish for which LMPC is responsible are monitored and maintenance undertaken as necessary, e.g. maintenance of the walkway between Bury Fields and The Close has been completed, some waste removed where practical and a request for assistance from the Parish Steward submitted in order to dispose of bulk waste.

“As Required” Activity

- Refixing and grouting of the skirting tiles throughout JCH continues.
- Some minor maintenance issues at JCH have been attended to e.g. removal of redundant notices, dog waste dispenser, lighting switch replacement, etc.
- An extensive schedule of litter-picks has been carried out over a number of days covering the main road through the village from the Purton/Greatfield road through to the Parish boundary sign beyond the Nine Elms turn and up to Nine Elms itself. This yielded a high volume of rubbish but should make ongoing maintenance easier. Greatfield, Greenhill, Nine Elms and Common Platt are yet to be attended to but should be dealt with in the next week or so.
- A survey of the drains from the Purton/Greatfield road beyond Lydiard Green through to Holborn identified a large number of blocked or partially blocked gratings and sumps which must significantly affect the handling of surface water. The gratings in the gutters and in the kerbs were unblocked but the unblocking the sumps will require support from Wiltshire Council. Some of the worst affected are filled to within 150 -200mm from the road surface.
- The poor condition of some of the bus stops within the Parish was noted during the work on the litter collections and will be attended to in the next couple of weeks.
- The boot cleaning station for the benefit of users of the sports field is in the process of being repaired/refurbished with completion in the next day or two.

Further deposits of NO₂ canisters, balloons, etc have been found at the Holburn / Nine Elms “lay-by”. These have again been cleared following the taking of a photographic record.