

1. Site Specific

Swan Meadow

Bartlett's tree services (contracted by the Forestry Commission) have for the second year carried out spray treatment to control Oak Processionary Moth under the Official Controls (Plant Health and Genetically Modified Organisms) Regulations 2019. This is at no cost to the Parish Council. Final spray treatment will be carried out by the end of May. *(A user of the Iver Heath Allotments has potentially identified an Oak Tree at the site that might require treatment. The Forestry Commission has been informed.)*

We have increased the number of 'Do Not Enter' signs on the boundary fence with Iver Lodge to encourage users not to cross over into the private property beyond our boundary.

Iver Heath Allotment Site

Rubbish clearance has taken place at the site and preparation for the levelling out of the top car parking area is being planned.

Iver Heath Play Area

Servicing of the spinee roundabout has taken place and the equipment is to be monitored as this is the second piece of remedial work that has taken place on this piece of equipment in six months.

The gate / fence to the play area has been buckled for some time and could give rise to a health and safety issue. We are preparing to get that straightened out early summer.

Iver Heath Recreation Ground

The high level sports netting frame is in need of remedial work where it has corroded. This has been of concern for some months and has been identified on our recently received RoSPA reports. An initial inspection has identified the cost of the remedial work is in the region of £2,000 so further quotes will be sought although this is a specialist piece of work so suitable contractors may be hard to identify.

Outdoor Gym equipment identified as having protruding ground anchor bolts have been covered to prevent any injury to users.

Iver Recreation Ground

Although the responsibility of Facilities and Events, the workshop shutters on this building which houses the majority of our plant and tools have been serviced and there is now a usable manual override to the shutters to open should the powered mechanisms fail. This is secured by a padlock held at the Council office.

Council Office, 45b, High Street - Hedge requirement

As a result of a recommendation made at the March 2022 committee meeting, there is a requirement to run hedging along the edge of the wall that has the deep drop to the pavement on the High Street. This is currently being reviewed in terms of the best hedging to use and the Deputy Clerk has contacted the local firm Practically Brown to discuss option.

The Locum Clerk recently received an enquiry from a relative of a late local resident who was well known in the community for providing services across Iver who wishes to give something to the community in memory. The initial thought was a tree but the Deputy Clerk is progressing a conversation to see if hedging is an option.

This activity progresses a previously identified health and safety issue.

General

Japanese Knotweed

The management plan which commenced late summer 2021 is a 10-year plan with 5 years to eradicate and a further 5 years monitoring. Treatment is underway and two visits have taken place. The next visit is booked for 7th June 2022 for Harding's Row. There a potential further patch of the weed has been identified and the Deputy Clerk has contacted the contractor to ensure this is inspected and added to our management plan.

Hanging Baskets

Hanging baskets will appear around the Parish at the start of June (continued growing conditions permitting) at the same locations as last year. They will be returned to the supplier late summer.

Height Barrier Maintenance

There are various issues with the height barriers at each recreation ground with opening and closing difficulties where the gates have 'dropped'. A contractor has been identified to carry out maintenance on each of these during early June.

RoSPA Play Area Reports

The reports for 2022 have been carried out and reports recently received. These will be available in SharePoint along with an action plan to resolve any issues. There are no additional areas of major concern following the remedial work carried out as result of the 2021 reports although some remedial work will be required. However, the Cycle Tracks continue to be identified as high priority for remedial work. The Action Plan will be an item on the July OS&H agenda.

Rubbish Bins at Recreation Grounds

New Rubbish Bins purchased for both recreation grounds have been replaced and are now fully in use.

Community Board Funded Projects / Activities

Wildflower Verges

The sites are generally growing well given the mix of rain and sunshine. We are receiving great interest in these from residents. The seed mix used is called Patriotic (a mix of red, blue, white and yellow flowers). If the weather conditions continue we should see blooming during June / July. The total cost of this project is £4,955 including preparation and seeding, seeds and signage. The Community Board award was for £5,850.

Buddy Benches

A bid for funding to supply and fit buddy Benches as part of covid recovery and community cohesion was made by the former Clerk in December 2022. The proposal was for three buddy benches to be purchased and installed at each of our settlements – Richings Park, Iver Village and Iver Heath.



The estimated cost of the project is as follows

Purchase of benches:	£1,650
Transport:	£90
Materials for fitting:	£150
Labour:	£300
Making good surfaces:	£150
Signage:	£90
TOTAL:	£2,430

The Community Board award was for £1,650 towards the cost.

The Deputy Clerk will liaise with the Locum Clerk to agree implementation given current workload / priorities to schedule in this activity. It is envisaged that we can achieve this, dependent on lead time from the supplier, early summer hopefully ahead of the August school holidays. The Deputy Clerk will update the OS&H committee on progress.

Improved disabled access at Hardings Row

The previous Chair of OS&H committee and Deputy Clerk walked round the current decking provision at Hardings Row. This is now in a poor condition and in need of remedial work to improve access for all. The former Clerk submitted a Community Board bid in December 2021 and we were subsequently awarded £8,745 towards this project

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