

Deputy Clerks Report

SEPTEMBER 2020

1. GROUNDMAN'S REPORT

01.09.2020 - We called today at the Westclyst football pitch and cut the sward, steep banking and cut the boundary line, picked up litter.

08.09.2020 - We called at the Bowling green today and cut the sward.

15.09.2020 - We called today at the Westclyst football pitch and cut the sward banking and the boundary fence line, picked up litter.

22.09.2020 - We called today at the Bowling Green and cut the sward.

24.09.2020 – End of season maintenance - An application of selective herbicide to treat weeds. Heavy scarification and collection of debris and tipping. Overseed Green. Solid tine Green. Application of nematodes to treat leather jackets. Application of fine turf fertiliser. Application of Fungicide to treat turf disease. Works to begin in October. This will need to be agreed by Full Council and is on the agenda.

2. REMEMBRANCE GARDEN

Remembrance Garden: the bench for Will has been made by Stoneman Stainless, delivered to the Pavilions and has been installed by Priory Paving (the company Will worked for) FOC.

There was an official 'opening ceremony' of the area on the first anniversary of Will's death (Thursday 24th September). Flowers were placed on the bench in memory of Will. Will's family and friends came to pay their respects through out the day/evening. The finished result is a lovely area for people to sit and gather their thoughts/take a rest and a minute to reflect. Many people have commented on how nice it looks.

3. VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

Andy, our maintenance person has been busy around the village. Cleaning the graffiti at the bus stop in Dog village to re-painting rural bus stops. Comments from residents have been encouraging and full of praise. Andy helped with the Remembrance garden for Will with planting the plants and laying the turf around the memorial bench. Well done Andy!

4. FOOD BANK REPORT

The Food Bank continues with more families coming onboard and a couple of families now dropping away. Whilst its good for the families who no longer need the Food Bank, the changing seasons will see an increase in the number of families. Families will struggle to heat homes and feed their families.

The Trussell Trust published a report with Heriot Watt University that "estimates that food banks with the Trussell Trust will give out six emergency food parcels every minute this winter, a 61% increase on last year". The Furlough scheme is due to finish the end of October and the likelihood of redundancies

will be high. From experience, from changes to the furlough scheme in the past, there is the potential of more families coming forward needing help from the Broadclyst Food Bank. Families could see themselves making hard decisions regarding heating or food. Christmas is only around the corner; the officers have been brainstorming ideas to run/organize a present run for the families receiving help from the Broadclyst Foodbank. Perhaps asking for age/gender related presents for the children with the potential of some Christmas chocolate as well.

Thanks go to Debbie at the Broadclyst Post Office, who kindly let the Food Bank have a donation box. The response has been amazing. Thank you to everyone who has donated, and please know, your kind donations get put straight back into the food bank recipient's box's the following day.

Please see link for the full report from The Trussell Trust. <https://www.trusselltrust.org/heriot-watt-research-2020/>

This concludes my report to Council.

Natasha Curwood,
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28.09.2020