

Building Maintenance

- Woodland Community Centre

We had an attempted break-in on 17th November. A local resident called the Police who attended site at approx. 2am. Damage to the fire doors in The Oak Room has resulted in the need for these to be completely replaced as they are a sealed unit. These are on order and are being built now. They should be ready to install by the end of January.





Building Maintenance

- Woodland Community Centre

We have also had an escape of water here on the first weekend of November. A mop in the caretakers cupboard fell over which accidentally turned a tap on causing the sink to overflow, this resulted in the main corridor and adjoining rooms being flooded. The insurers have appointed specialist contractors to dry the building, and to deal with the task of stripping out and refitting. This will require the vinyl flooring and skirting boards being stripped out and refitted throughout a large section of the building. We are having regular contact with our insurers but as yet we have no start date for works to begin. To confirm the insurers are covering the cost of the damages.





Building Maintenance

Water damage at Woodlands Community Centre

Building Maintenance

- Lapstone Pavilion

Works to replace a significant amount of missing/slipped and damaged roof tiles have been completed to ensure the building remains water tight.

Currently closed due to national restrictions

- Horton Heath Community Centre

Remains open for The Post Office every MON-WED-FRI.

Works to the paving and wider open space are ongoing.

- Parish Offices

Open on MON & TUE for eye screening



Allotments

- Current waiting list of 56 residents.
- The flooded plot given to the allotment assoc has been successfully turned into a wildflower area
- Recent inspection by Southern Water advised remedial works were required to a number of standpipes on both sites as they did not meet the Water Supply Regs 1999. These have all been completed.



PARKS & OPEN SPACES

- Meadowsweet Way Play Area opened to the public mid November and has been very popular with local residents. Additional all weather surfacing is being installed now to ensure the park can be used all year round



PARKS & OPEN SPACES

- Still continuing occurrences of antisocial behaviour. Particularly bad at New Century Park with almost daily reports of broken glass and graffiti inside the play area, The Village Hall and wider park. Lapstone Pavilion is also still being targeted. Much needed CCTV upgrades to a new HD Digital service at 3 Parish Council sites will enable targeted response by ourselves and partner organisations.



Other Items- Asset disposal

- We secured the sale of some obsolete items of plant for £2,000. The old ride-on mower failed the safety inspection and would have needed approx. £3,000 spent on it to get it back on the road
- The old flail deck was sat in the yard and hasn't been used for 2 years.
- The PTO drive chipper was due to be changed this year with a new tow along chipper which was agreed by the council, unfortunately that money needed to be spent on a new ride on mower which was of greater importance.



Other Items- Bulb planting

- We have planted nearly 5 thousands bulbs around the parish. Including Oak Walk, Mortimers Lane, Knowle Lane, Crowdhill Green Open Space

These, along with even more hanging baskets will see the parish having a colourful display this year.

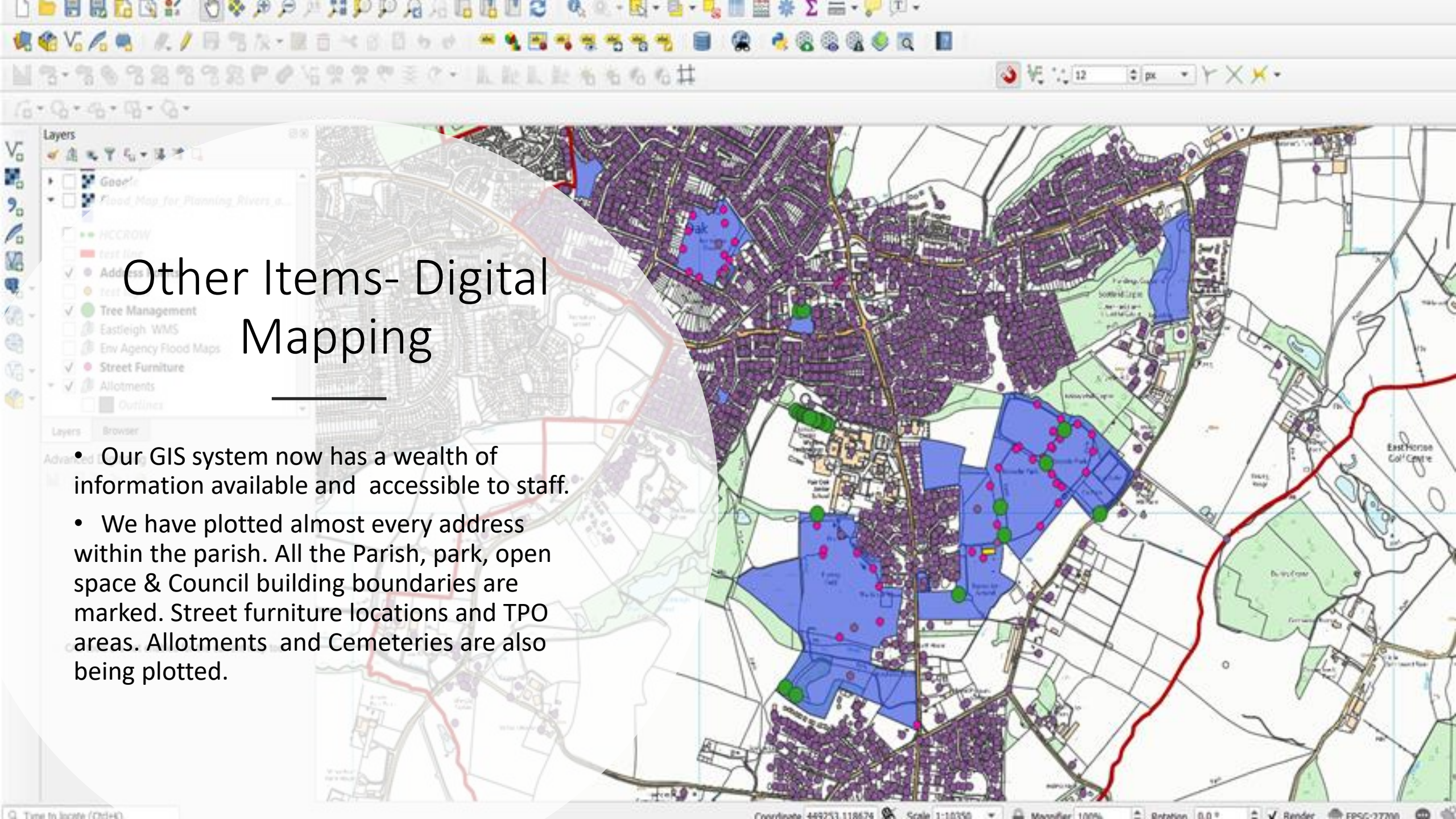
The addition of our own potting shed this year will also mean we can begin to grow our own flowers and increase the areas that have displays.

We have also submitted a request to EBC to be included in this years plans to extend the areas that are planted with wildflowers.



Other Items- Digital Mapping

- Our GIS system now has a wealth of information available and accessible to staff.
- We have plotted almost every address within the parish. All the Parish, park, open space & Council building boundaries are marked. Street furniture locations and TPO areas. Allotments and Cemeteries are also being plotted.

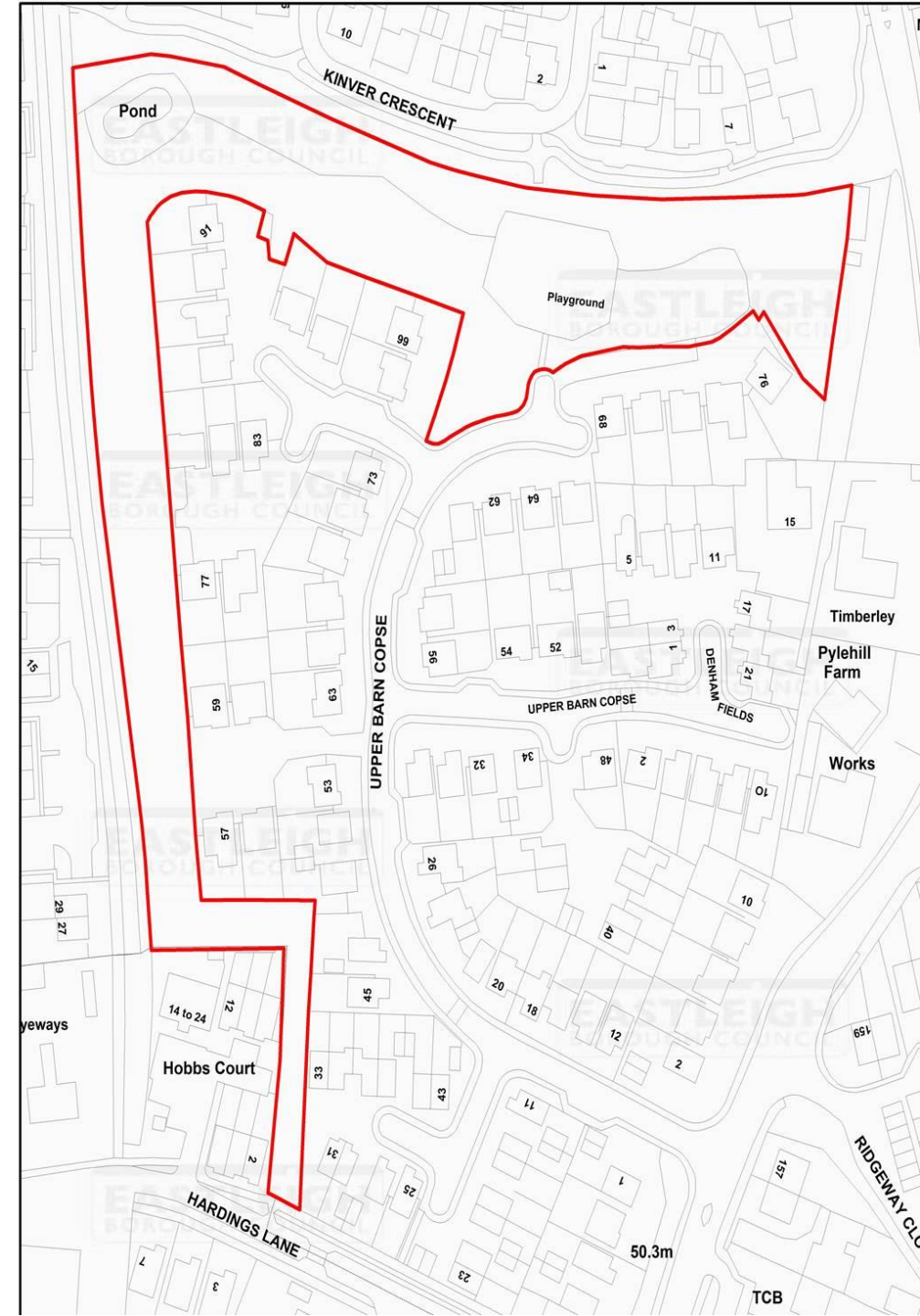


Other Items- Additional Areas

Further sites coming our way this year – Upper Barns Copse which we will start to manage from 1st April

Pembers Hill. Work still ongoing regarding this site to ensure it is at a standard that we are happy to accept before taking over management.

Possibility we may also start works on the long awaited play area at Crowdhill Green. Will be taken to Council when appropriate.



The background of the slide is a photograph of a muddy, rutted path in a park. The path is dark brown and wet, with some green grass visible on the sides. A semi-transparent white rectangular box is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing the title and list. On the far left, there is a solid dark grey vertical bar.

Other Items- Planned Works

- Much needed drainage works at Knowle Park as some areas are becoming almost impassable for some users during winter.
- Community Orchard improvements – installing additional trees, fruit bushes and fencing.
- Fair Oak Cemetery – creating an area of reflection, seating made from felled trees.
- Installation of drinking fountain at Lapstone Pavilion with the possibility of an additional fountain at Knowle Park.

