



Clerk's Update

20 November 2023

only 35 days till Christmas!

Operational Management

Winter works - the Operations team have completed the installation of the Christmas tree lights at the Village Centre (almost) and Sandy Lane Shops. More lights will be installed at our Community Centres and Parish Office. The Christmas tree is on its way!

Cafe - the team continue to assist with the landscaping at the café site, including fencing, planters and borders and preparing ditches for the electrical and broadband cabling

Other - the team assisted with road closures on Remembrance. And have also started building planters for the village centre and cafe. They will also be putting in some new hedging at the bund by the skate park, planting bulbs and assisting with tree planting alongside the Community Development Officer. Hedge cutting is almost complete.

Corporate Matters

Eastleigh College - the Council will host work placements for two Eastleigh College students. The first student will work with Admin on I.T projects starting 27 November - 2 December. The second will work with Operations Management starting 29 November and every Thursday until February.

Climate - The Deputy Clerk is currently in the process of reviewing the Climate Action Plan with a view to sharing this at a workshop next March with the Climate T&F Group and members of the public who wish to join in.

Local History Project - the Council hosted the first workshop on Wednesday 15 November. There were 20 attendees including a number of local residents, local club representatives, Wyvern faculty and Parish staff. The workshop consisted of some information-gathering activities and will be shared with the students as part of their project. The students will be hosting a coffee morning on 13 December to allow them to gather other primary source information including interviewing residents.

Communications & Events - Council staff are preparing for the Annual Christmas pallet trail which will be held at New Century Park this year.

The soft launch of the Council's sustainability website and happy news page has been met with good response with one post receiving 69 views. The post on Remembrance has received a staggering number of views.

Community Development

- Lapstone Playing Fields - Quotes are being gathered for the habitat boxes, which will include a mix of handmade and professionally made ones for Bats, birds and Dormouse. Installation due Jan 24.
- Fair Oak Infant school will be planting 150 tree saplings in the next few weeks at Lapstone Farm, each of the children will also decorate a stone to identify their tree and will be automatically entered into a prize draw for the chance to book a nature themed prize.
- Orchard - community engagement event on 2nd December at the Lapstone Pub to invite residents to come along and share their ideas for the future design and running of the Orchard.
- Twynams - First community activity day scheduled for Saturday 4 November to install the Hibernaculum had to be rearranged due to the weather and ground conditions. An event was held on Monday 13 November with Reach Out Care which included planting and litter picking around Knowle Park. Next activity day associated with this project is Saturday 2 December where we will invite public to make bird feeders to be placed around the field (or take home!).

Community Development cont

- Bulb planting - Today Kirsty and Siobhan visited Reachout Care, where everyone pitched in to help plant some Bluebell and Snowdrop bulbs for the parish. Reachout care have agreed to look after the bulbs until they are ready to be planted out early next year.
- Bee & Tree Corridor - the Clerk and CDO will be meeting with Helen Brown on 28th November to discuss locations in our Parish.
- Clerk and CDO to attend Fair Oak Junior School Christmas market evening on 1st December to help out with the stalls.
- Community Payback team will start works at Wyvern Meadow on 28th November for a number of weeks. They will be coppicing the encroaching shrubland to ensure our precious grassland habitat is maintained.

Cafe Progress

Key milestones: -

- Electrical & plumbing first fix complete
- Kitchen installation commenced
- Painting & decorating complete
- SSE installation complete

Next steps: -

- Flooring
- Final fix
- Hard landscaping
- Living wall
- Soft landscaping
- Internal fit out
- Meter and broadband connection
- Fire and intruder alarm & Fire RA
- Retrofit solar
- Server installation

