

Bench Working Party Report

27th October to 17th November 2021

We had 22 members on parade for the first time on Wednesday 17th November! Nightmare!

Parish Council

At the Recreation Ground we fixed roofing felt behind the football pavilion and poured a ton of gravel between it and the hedge bank to prevent damp access. We raked grass cuttings off the bank there to allow wildflowers more chance of growing, and planted some additional wild flowers.

At the Recreation Ground we removed the artificial grass from the steps leading up to the football pavilion with the intention of replacing it with new grass, but the underlying timbers were found to be so rotten that new ones are needed before we complete the job.

We put seven Christmas Market banners around the village, and installed Christmas lights along Church Path. We also installed Christmas lights at the bottom of Church Lane.

Community

We moved the advent calendar display board from near Budgen Stores and fixed it to a wall beside The Boot, gave it three coats of paint and fixed lights to its perimeter.

We fitted a new seat to the bench at the top of the private Hoo Road – with Helmar Eck memoriam message carved on it.

We repaired the small notice boards along the wall of the school.

Churchyard

We cleared away the lower growth from the beech trees on the Eastern boundary and took the arisings to Ben Cole's farm. We corrected the hanging of the SE gate and made the bolt on the shed behind Church House easier to use.

We have started cleaning off and oiling the external Church doors – this time the cleaning and oiling of the door to the Dacre Chapel on the south side of the church was achieved.

Memorial Hall

We fitted conduit over the sound loop wire in the lounge and fitted a new washer to the toilet system.

We refitted some of the chair trolley wheels by swapping some wheels from a lightly used trolley to a frequently used one. We have ordered some new ones.

We planted 450 bulbs along the pedestrian path leading up from the High Street, these were donated by the Davies family from the proceeds of the first coffee mornings at the Dacre Rooms. At the same time, we cleared the tarmac path of leaves. And fitted a new bird box in the garden.

County

We put two new footpath/bridleway signs at the top of Hall Lane, and we reset the wooden bollards at the junction of Claggy Road and Commons Lane.

Bob Finch 18th November 2021