

Bench Working Party Report 19 01 22

Due partly to Covid we had two days holiday, one each side of Christmas. Since then, we have been meeting mostly outside but some people have been happy to work inside. The Horse Show have donated £500 to the Bench WP, allocated (by them) £200 towards our annual lunch and £300 for general BWP expenses.

Parish Council

We put up Xmas lights at the west end of the village in early December. After January the 6th we took down most of the lights and left the lights at the west end on the trees, having secured them so they will survive gales (we hope). We did yet more siding out at that end of the village. We installed a new dog poo bin at the top of the steps at Lloyd Way.

We planted about 400 whips around the Parkfield Rec car park fence, in record time in the cold and wet! We filled in several of the holes in the approach road to Parkfield Rec car park. We took all the Christmas Market banners down from around the village and took them to the Porters End store.

At Peters Green we erected a circular bench and fixed it in place around a tree on the Green. We took the new defibrillator to Peters Green where it is now installed by the landlord of the Bright Star in his old BT telephone box there.

We fetched the Xmas Market sleigh and other items from the Porters End store and erected the sleigh on The Green and returned all the items after the market. We helped with the Xmas Market fun run.

At the Rec we finished screwing down the artificial grass on the steps leading up to the football pavilion.

Memorial Hall

We put the marquee lining up and put chairs and tables out for a music evening on a Friday and put it all away again on Saturday (overtime rates). We made a bird box and placed it on one of the trees in the garden. We cleared out an enormous number of toys from under the stage and are distributing them to various children's play groups and nurseries. Still have lots of toys so we are going to offer them to Kimpton residents.

We have acquired an indoor bowls mat and the bowls club plan to start a bowls coffee morning in the Hall starting early February. The mat has been funded by the Memorial Hall and is for the use of all Kimpton residents – but the bowls club will manage it as a winter project, and of course will run the coffee morning.

Churchyard

We cleared the Church house roof of leaves and cleared all the drains and outlets. We also raked up several one-ton bags of leaves. We removed cremation Memorial Plaques and re-set them up higher.

Community

We replaced several footpath posts and cleared foliage from around some directional signs.
We put several wheelbarrows loads of road scrapings in the kissing gates at Parkfield Rec.

We made the Advent calendar board look nice ready for the Advent display, after Advent we dismantled it and stored it behind the Dacre Rooms.

At Ayot Greek Revival Church we reset some flagstones in the aisle and altar areas

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