

Bench Working Party Report

March 23rd to April 20th 2022

Parish Council Work

At Right of Way nos 34 and 35 the KPC motorised brush removed loose materials from the surface and some of the weeds were removed too.

The newly planted trees on the south boundary of Parkfield Rec were watered, and many whips were planted on the approach road to Parkfield Rec. These whips have also been thoroughly drenched in water several times over several weeks. Also the surrounding weeds and grass have been removed in places.

The rubble removed from the footpath behind Parkfield Rec by Richard Dawes as part of clearing it, and left by him in the corner of Parkfield Rec car park, was taken to Jake Harding's farmyard – he is happy for us to use the rubble pile as a dump for our similar waste.

INCIDENTALLY WHICH PARKFIELD RESIDENCE WAS THIS FOUND BEHIND, AND COULD WE PLEASE HAVE A DONATION FROM THE OWNER? This was illegal dumping!

At the Rec we placed tarmac and cement around a drain cover that had become exposed a possible trip hazard. We also mended some potholes around The Green.

Memorial Hall

We have taken over the responsibility of maintaining the garden to the north of the Hall since the Garden Club have given it up. (Pleading old age – what about us!!). We have spent a few Wednesday mornings sprucing it up. More to do. We did minor maintenance jobs such as replacing blown bulbs and spraying moss killer in the car park.

School

A planting box was constructed in front of the new library.

Churchyard

We have continued to rescue buried grave surrounds, and we have agreed a maintenance/repair programme for Church House – which we believe will give it a further life of at least 20 years. We have started by repairing soffits and fascia boards.

We took large quantities of twigs and weeds from churchyard work to Ben Cole's farm.

We helped make a tomb for Jesus to use over the Easter weekend.

We added a strengthening board to the White Horse bench (on the roadway, just before the tower).

Community

The fence to the southeast of the Kimpton Players rehearsal room in the Memorial Hall car park was rebuilt.

A large number of May Festival Art Show placards were installed around the village

The Advent Calendar board was fitted to the wall by The Boot for the May Festival to use for posters. At the request of Mary Hyde, we painted it a different colour. Further May Festival banners were erected at the Corner Stores and Manning's gate at the bottom of Coopers Hill.

We took one of the redundant Probyn benches from the churchyard and placed it on The Hoo private road, over the hill, just before the triangle. It is actually in St Pauls Walden Parish not Kimpton – but hey ho. Do try it out and enjoy a lovely view up the valley.

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