

Bench Working Party Report to Kimpton Parish Council 20 06 22

New Wheelbarrows. Thanks to Richard Thake for the use of his locality budget, and Carina for the facilitating, we now have two superb new wheelbarrows, with puncture proof soft tyres too! Great and thank you.

Parish Council

Much time spent watering and clearing weeds from around the whips planted earlier this year, and some new ones were planted. Also, they have been mulched with tree chippings. The new trees planted at the south of Parkfield Rec now have a plaque in the centre, with a wooden backing and stake fashioned from hardwood by a BWP member. Offensive graffiti was removed from the basketball board at Parkfield rec, and some milder graffiti removed from the Football pavilion. The fence at the SE corner of Parkfield Rec was repaired. We replaced the broken wheels on the moveable football post on the Rec. We installed a new bench on the corner of Claggy Road and Lawn Avenue, and one on the boundary of the cricket pitch. Both benches privately funded. One of the old Probyn benches that was on the south side of the church was taken to a place on the private Hoo Road, just outside the parish boundary. Work has begun to clean off and paint the western fence of Parkfield rec.

We raked the play bark under the play equipment at the Rec and mended the vandalised balustrade on the Football Pavilion. We took the load of rubble dumped in the corner of Parkfield Rec car park to Harding's farm. We repaired the steps leading up to the allotments from Hall Lane.

The holes in the surface of the road around The Green were filled with tarmac. A drain cover at the Rec was made safer by surrounding it with tarmac.

Community

The Art show screens were taken down, and most of the additions to the church were put back as before the show.

The Art Show banners and posters were taken down and stored at the Porters End barn.

The Folk Weekend banners were placed appropriately around the village. The big notice board outside The Boot was painted a new colour as requested by the Folk Weekend committee. A bench was placed outside the Corner Stores and painted too.

The big marquee was erected on the Rec for the May Festival bar, and then taken down again of course. The Church Teas marquee was taken down and taken to its storage place at Pool House. The Guide tent was erected for use of teas and taken down again.

We helped unload a very heavy stainless-steel sculpture for the Art Show and upon the sale carried it to the owner's garden.

We have been running one of the weekly Friday coffee mornings at the Dacre rooms for a few weeks now.

We changed the dates on the Autumn Show Banners.

Church and Churchyard

Helmar Eck's grave was flattened and turfed. The soffits and bargeboards of Church House were sanded, filled and painted. A long job that we may not have started if we had known the extent of it. Some ceiling tiles inside church house were also painted.

A few gravestones that had sunk below ground level were raised.

Memorial Hall

The car park was weed killed and the garden tidied. The doors at the back of the Scout and Guide room were cleaned off, primed and undercoated.

Bob Finch

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