

Bench Working Party Report to Kimpton Parish Council 23 09 22

Parish Council

Much, much, watering of new trees in the area of Parkfield Rec, and play bark raked in the play area at the Rec. The broken post that held the hook and eye that keeps the field gate open at the Rec was replaced and the hedge at the entrance there was cut back extensively.

Some "siding out" was done in the High Street to remove the straw left by farm trucks going through the village. Still more to do. Also siding out was done at the Upper Green pathways. The pavements at the Coopers Hill end of the High Street were cleared and the traffic calming bollards reset.

At the football pavilion we replaced a cabin hook to keep one of the window shutters open securely and fitted a security lock on one of the inside doors. We also removed some tables to clear space for the fitness lady to work and stored them at the Porters End barn and the container on the Rec. The metal door frame at the electricity "substation" building, at the entrance to the Rec, that feeds the football pavilion, was repaired so the door opened more easily.

At the west side of the cricket pitch we cleaned off and painted (Hammerite) the iron railings, still a more to do.

Community

At the preschool we did extensive work over the school summer holidays. This included fitting new barge boards over the door of the shed and jacking the corner of the shed up so the door would fit properly. The sandpit was fitted with a new, lighter, lid and the wooden pirate ship was strengthened by adding more timbers. The sink the children use to wash in had considerable sand and other muck in the drains – these were cleared. The wall near the sink which had deteriorated was repaired with a piece of timber. The garden was extensively cleared and tidied and the metal gate leading to the main school was lifted so it would shut properly.

Horse Show jumps were repaired and at the Horse Show we manned the gate and managed the parking of boxes and cars. The large notice board at The Boot was painted over for the Autumn Show to use it, now it is being used to advertise the Players pantomime.

We helped at the Autumn Show, including setting out tables and supplying spare ones from the container.

Church and Churchyard

The oiling of the church doors was completed. The lending library at the NW end of the church was moved to the south of the chancel area to allow the wooden floor to dry out. A lamp very high up in the nave was replaced.

Several broken or misplaced headstones were lifted up and secured and several grave surrounds were worked on to make them stand proud of the grass.

Yet more work on the soffits and barge boards of Church House – big job.

Memorial Hall

We assembled the 25 new Memorial Hall lounge chairs, and the doors to the Scout Room and the boiler room were scraped and painted. The hedges on either side of the pedestrian path were cut, as was the hedge to the north of the garden. The garden itself was tidied now that the Garden Club no longer maintain it (they are too old they say!).

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

Chairs and tables were put out to facilitate the County WI strawberry tea.

Work was done to make the grass at the side of the pedestrian path suitable to grow wild flowers. A bulb was replaced in one of the emergency lights and a new fan was fitted in one of the toilets.

Dacre Rooms

The weeds were removed from both sides of the building and some Friday morning coffee mornings were hosted by the BWP.

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