

## **Bench Working Party Report to Kimpton Parish Council 21<sup>st</sup> April 2023**

### **Parish Council**

The roadway leading up to the pavilion in the Recreation ground was repaired, ivy was removed from the eastern end of Church Path. The path from the tennis pavilion to court 3 was repaired, a bollard at the bottom of Coopers Hill was reset after being displaced (by a lorry?). The stakes put in to support the new tree planting were checked for firmness. The area beneath the swings at the Rec play area was improved to remove a trip hazard.

### **The School and the Preschool**

In the school garden the overgrown rose bushes were trimmed, a sand pit was made and installed (using wood provided gratis from Graham). At the Preschool the roof was cleared of a large quantity of tennis balls and footballs, also leaves cleared from the gutters.

### **The Memorial Hall**

Water meter read, weeds removed from the car park, the paving slabs that had previously been under the benches at each end of the garden were removed to behind the Dacre Rooms. Some faulty bulbs were replaced in the Green Room corridor.

### **The Church and Churchyard**

The notice board at the SW gate to the churchyard was removed to dry out ready for refurbishment, graves were levelled and turfed, the area of churchyard that was damaged by the work on the tower was scarified and reseeded. In the church a drawer in the vestry was repaired, a large notice board was dismantled and removed. Some of the church house wooden windows were sanded and primed.

### **The Community**

The May Festival banners were erected at both ends of the village, the art board outside the Boot had another, wider, architrave fitted. I am pleased with the organisations using it for both advertising their events and providing some art as well.

For the May Festival Art Show a marquee was erected outside the west door to house the overflow of paintings from the church. The art show screens were erected around the church including a number of new metal screens and some of the church furniture was relocated to make room for the art.

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