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COWBRIDGE (ANCIENT BOROUGH) with
LLANBLETHIAN TOWN COUNCIL
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Leisure & Amenities Report

To: Meeting of the Leisure & Amenities Committee

From: Town Clerk Cathy Kennedy/Amenities Supervisor Tim Stephens

Date: Tuesday, the 7th of November at 7pm

1. Reason for Report

To provide the committee with an overview of recent developments in leisure and amenities.

2. Floral Displays

The summer floral displays have been removed, and staff are currently in the process of planting spring bulbs in the riverside, limes shed and cemetery planters.

3. The Limes Cemetery

In the Limes Cemetery, the trees removed due to ash die back have now been replaced with Maple trees. Volunteers from <https://www.vincifacilities.com/> did an excellent job of clearing overgrown weeds at the Limes Cemetery and preparing the bank for wild flower planting. We are blown away with the result and the mayor wrote personal thank you letters to Vinci and TR33 Ltd for their hard work. <https://www.tr33.co.uk/> photo included in **appendix one**.

4. Twt Park

There have been some issues with one of the litter bins at Twt Park. It was being used by a member of Waitrose staff for personal home waste, and they inadvertently left something with their home address. The matter has been resolved following a conversation with Waitrose Management.

Pruning of the roses in Twt Park will take place during November.

5. Southgate Park

The wildflower planting at the Limes Cemetery is being considered a trial, potentially leading to further wildflower seeds being sown in other areas such as Southgate Park.

A similar issue with the bins to Twt Park, has been observed at Southgate Park, where someone has been leaving bottles and household rubbish, leading to the bin overflowing two or three times a week.

Unfortunately, we don't know the identity of the individual responsible. Signs have been placed on the bins; however, these do not seem to have had any effect.

6. Llanblethian Playing Fields

At Llanblethian playing fields, the apple tree whips donated by Nature for Wales and planted in the Spring are thriving and doing well.

The hedge bordering private houses will be pruned during the next two weeks. This work is always carried out in the Autumn to avoid disturbing nesting birds.

7. Holy Cross Churchyard

At Holy Cross Churchyard, a safety check on the memorial stones has been carried out by an external contractor with the resulting maintenance and repair works due to be carried out in the next few weeks.

Following reports of rats, a visit from pest control was arranged and a quote included in **appendix two**.

A deteriorating wall has been identified; we are currently in the process of arranging assessments from multiple contractors.

The ornamental trees in the front garden of the Holy Cross Churchyard will be pruned prior to the Remembrance Sunday service.

8. Financial implications

The Holy Cross Churchyard budget of £3,500 is currently overspent due to the cost of the repairs and maintenance to the memorial stones. There is a deficit of £900, therefore, if the committee decides to approve spending on pest control as per appendix two, the following is recommended.

9. Recommended

To engage the services of a pest control company, as a one-off riddance programme with a payment of £380 (as outlined in appendix two), including the setup fee. For the financial year 2023/24, the Health & Safety budget has been set at £500, with no expenditure incurred thus far. Hence, it is recommended to source the £380 from the H&S budget to cover the pest control expense.

10. Summary

There are plans to install bat, bug, and bird boxes, as well as hedgehog houses in the coming weeks, these items were all donated by the Nature for Wales Project.

Appendix One – Preparing the Limes Cemetery for wildflower seed planting.



Appendix Two - Proposal for Pest Control at the Holy Cross Churchyard

To Whom it may concern,

Holy Cross Church

Cowbridge September 26th 2023

Further to our visit to Holy Cross Church, please kindly find our quote for works requested. In our professional opinion, we would advise a monthly pest control plan as follows to prevent rodents obtaining a fresh hold in and around the property.

The pest control plan would consist of an initial riddance programme of three visits, followed by regular monthly visits. This option would provide you with the best possible service, long term. The pest control plan consists of installing and fixing a number of tamper proof rodent boxes in and around the property. The property will be managed 90% of the time with a non-toxic indicator bait.

This allows us to monitor the activity closely and safely with minimal risk to non-target species and wildlife. With monthly visits and thorough inspections, once rodent activity has been logged, we can then instantly switch to a trapping programme and as a last resort rodenticide. This will ensure we are operating within current CRRU regulations and is deemed best practice. Our team of technicians are fully qualified and insured. We pride ourselves in good customer service and manage a wide range of sites across South Wales. Please see our website or social media pages for evidence of the work we complete and our five-star reviews.

Please find below, the estimate to which you will find a full breakdown of costings:

Set up charge which includes the initial riddance programme as detailed above, boxes, bait, fixings and labour.

£200 + vat

Monthly visits to site for servicing boxes and inspections

£50 + vat

We will provide a site folder which will include all relevant information as requested by EHO.

Another option would be to have a one-off riddance programme as opposed to the monthly pest control plan as detailed above. Although a monthly plan would provide you with the best long-term solution, we're confident that a one-off riddance programme would strongly benefit you. This would include three visits to your premises over 2-3 weeks. During this time, we can log activity and use rodenticide to reduce the number of rodents. Once the three visits have been completed, we will remove all boxes and leave the site as found.

Cost of the one-off riddance programme detailed above:

£180 + vat

We trust this quotation meets your satisfaction and look forward to hearing from you soon to discuss which option you'd prefer.

Please also note that we carry out bird control and a number of other pests should you require any further assistance.