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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, 9 January 2024 at 7pm

Reason for Report

To provide the committee with an overview of recent developments in Leisure and Amenities.

Floral Displays

Winter plants such as tulips have been planted in all council owned containers: Areas included are; the Limes Cemetery, Riverside, entrance to Twt Park and Southgate Park.

The Limes Cemetery

Following the clearing of the bank by volunteers from <https://www.vincifacilities.com/> the amenities supervisor and caretaker have completed the task of planting wild flowers seeds.

Twt Park

The issues with one of the litter bins at Twt Park being used by a member of Waitrose staff for personal home waste has now been resolved.

Monthly checks of play equipment continue to be carried out by an external contractor and any repairs/maintenance carried out promptly. The monthly check reports are included as appendix 1.

Pruning of the roses in Twt Park took place during November.

Southgate Park

A similar issue with the bins to Twt Park has been observed which is being monitored.

The hedges and shrubs at Southgate Park have been gently trimmed and the area is monitored daily by the Amenities Supervisor.

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 was pruned in November. This work is always carried out in the Autumn to avoid disturbing nesting birds.

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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 now completed. The legal position is that a check is carried out every 5 years.

Following reports of rats, a visit from pest control took place, and costs were approved by the committee.

A deteriorating wall has been identified; officers are currently in the process of arranging assessments from multiple contractors. These costs have been estimated and included in the 2024/25 budget.

The ornamental trees in the front garden of the Holy Cross Churchyard were pruned by the Amenities Supervisor and Caretaker prior to the Remembrance Sunday service.

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, The Committee approved the doubling of the Holy Cross Churchyard budget for 2024/25. The Committee approved that the pest control services were taken out of the Health & Safety budget which was underspent.

Summary

Installation of bat, bug, and bird boxes, as well as hedgehog houses has taken place in Llanblethian Playing Fields, Southgate Park and the Limes Cemetery.

Thanks to the Nature for Wales Project who donated these items.

Play Area / Equipment Operational Inspection

LLANBLETHIAN PARK PLAY AREA

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Client / Site	COWBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL				
Conducted on	08.11.2023 13:01 GMT				
Prepared by	Jerry Widdas				
Location	Llanblethian				
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Detail:

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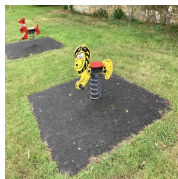


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Recommendations

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Other comments

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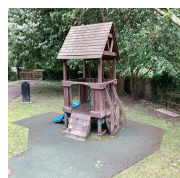


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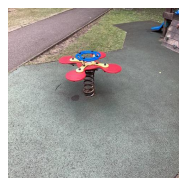


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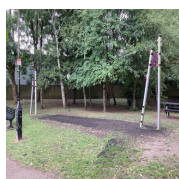


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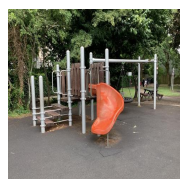


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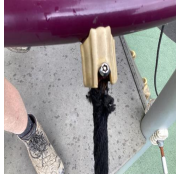


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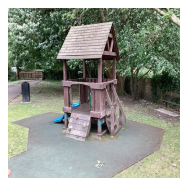


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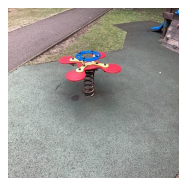


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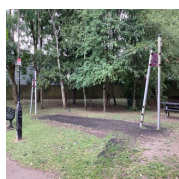


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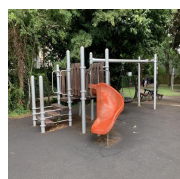


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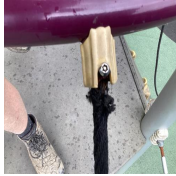


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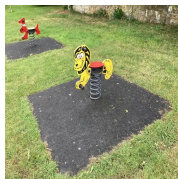


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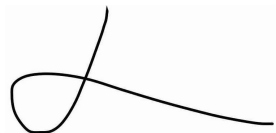
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