

## October Grounds Report

I would like to take the time to say a big hello to everyone. I'm the new the Grounds Manager who started in this position just after the last Grounds meeting. I'm a Liphook resident who grew up and went through the Liphook schooling all the way from Bohunt Creche to Bohunt itself so feel privileged to have a good knowledge of the local area.

Just like Charles Dickens I would like to give everyone a flavour of jobs past, present and future. Rick and Andy have been impeccable by keeping on top of the cutting and line marking allowing me to concentrate on the smaller picture and give my time to training our apprentice Isaac. Myself and Isaac have been doing such jobs as replacing the rotting wood on steps at Locke road end of Radford, clearing and installing a new shrub beds at the LMC and the Haskell Centre and putting in a new knee rail fencing around Fletchers Field, scything of wildflower areas at Radford and LMC for seed collection.

As the season is now changing our focus will be leaf collection and hedge cutting with regards to regular grounds maintenance of all B&LPC sites.

Just to give you an idea of future works looking to take place before the December meeting are: reduce the height of the entrance hedge at the LMC for better presentation and visibility, carry on replacing and new installs of bins across all sites but focusing on replacing the round bins at the LMC for the new style bins, uplifting of the main car park entrance to Radford and clearing around the works building with the possibility of coming back into use again. If the budget allows we would look to replace the knee rail fencing at car park of the recreation ground (just the car park). This is all dependent on resource and may change in priority.

With my managers hat on I have been talking to both the Tennis club and Football club with regards to future maintenance for 2022 playing season and these discussions are still ongoing. I have met with other contractors regarding drain clearance and possible new outflow installation at Radford. Drop kerb installation at Radford too and possible car park extension at the LMC. I have also begun looking into new signage around B&LPC sites and also the replacement of the agility trail equipment in the play area as well as other remedial works for the play areas.

There has been 3 incidences since the last meeting that have been reported via 101 to the police. These are as follows: 2 incidences of small fires set on the wet pour surface of the swing set at Malthouse Meadows entrance and there was a case of graffiti sprayed on all skate park equipment. There has been no further action coming from the Police.

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