

December Grounds Report

Hello to everyone. Since the last meeting held back in October the season has really started to change and take effect. First of all, the grounds staff have worked impeccably to provide Liphook with first rate public open spaces. Leaf clearance and hedge cutting has been undertaken on all sites. At Fletchers field we have reduced the height of the hedge running parallel with the Portsmouth Rd to improve visibility into Fletchers Field especially in the area around the raised borders in order to deter any ASB that has previously taken place there. We have also reduced the height of the of the front hedges looking onto the entrance at the LMC. This is to improve visibility looking into the LMC and hopefully deter the ASB that takes place there usually in the evenings.

I have had meetings with the River Wey Trust regarding to Allee's Meadow, Hampshire highways regarding flooding at Locke Rd. These are both matters that are ongoing. I have also had a meeting with the Football Club introducing myself to them and starting an open dialogue with the club in order on how best to provide and maintain A1 playing conditions 365 days of the year.

I have also been looking at the viability of bringing back into service the old Radford works building by having an asbestos survey done. We are also looking to improve the area around the building by getting the rubbish removed, area cleared as best we can and make this gated compound area much more functional by improving the ground conditions with a more stable base.

With regards to work to be undertaken before the next scheduled meeting are as follows: coming up with a winter work program with clarification from East Hants Arboriculture at Radford Park, improve part of the path at Radford where it gets very mushy and wet underfoot (near the fenced water substation), replacing the older style bins with our new bins at the LMC. This is on top of the usual winter maintenance work such as leaf clearing.

There has been 1 incident since the last meeting that has been reported via 101 to the police. This was someone driving their vehicle around the pitches at the Recreation ground and cutting the chain to the lock at the Haslemere rd gate. There has been no further action coming from the Police.

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