

April Grounds Report

Hello to everyone. Since the last meeting the COPSE planting at Fletchers Field took place and from my behalf went according to plan and from those who attended was well received.

Since the last meeting storm Eunace hit the country. The damage caused by the storm to the open spaces was minimal in comparison to the storm of 1987. In my estimation between 15-20 trees were blown over or damaged with the majority of this damage taking place within Radford Park. The eucalyptus tree located at the LMC was blown completely over. With all this damage taking place we have prioritized cleaning/clearing up the aftermath. This work will carry on until it's all done. Also, to update the committee the proposed tree work that was proposed at Radford Park has been approved by East Hants with no objections.

Late last year I had applied to the Woodland Trust for free hedging/trees which was duly granted. These arrived in March and have been planted within Radford Park in certain strategic areas for example filling in the hedgerow around the works building and around the "stew pond" located next to main pond. A small section of knee rail fencing has also been installed by the stew pond in order to limit access to this body of water.

As I write this report the weather has been exceptional so can officially say that spring has sprung. With this in mind from now until the Autumn our focus will be keeping all the open spaces looking neat and tidy, cut and kempt with regular grounds maintenance taking place on the football pitches and lawn tennis courts.

There has been minimal litter being dropped on our public open spaces but as the better weather and longer daylight hours I'm expecting a slight increase but this is par for the course.

There has been no ASB reported to the police via 101 since the last meeting.

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