

Recreation Ground, Battery and Conservation Area Report

Groundsman Inspections

The Groundsman provides visual inspection reports are received on a weekly basis and include a photograph of the defibrillator.

There were no issues to report on the visual inspections.

Groundsman Contract

The Groundsman contract needs to be renewed, commencing in March next year.

It is proposed that, as in previous years, a term contract is tendered with 3 or 4 specialist contractors.

Recommendation: Cllr Kirkby prepares the tender documents in consultation with a Conservation Area representative and the Clerk. Cllr Kirkby and the Clerk agree a tender list and the Clerk invites tenders. A report of the tender results is provided to the December meeting, in order that a contractor can be appointed.

Handyperson Group

The following has been carried out by the Handyperson Group during August and September 2025:

- * Regular watering and condition checks on the Recreation Ground new Trees - all appear healthy.
- * Cleaning the metal notices in the Recreation Ground
- * Completed outstanding items from the Annual Recreation Ground Survey
- * Regular removal of chalked graffiti on the play equipment in the Recreation Ground
- * Regular cleaning and battery replacement of the speed device in Old Kennels Lane.

Items required:

2.5 litres of Cuprinol Non-Slip Decking stain in Boston Teak has **already been purchased** for winter application to play equipment.

Recommendation: 2.5 litres of Ronseal 10 Year Woodstain in Natural Oak to re coat the picnic tables outside St Marks and some benches in the Recreation Ground.