

Trees and Hedges

The fallen tree opposite Warbler Close

- This has been removed along with a number of others in the area that should've been cut back years ago!
- Timber still needs to be removed.
- A large tree has appeared dead for some time (has not produced leaves for 2 years) remains in place, while the tree next to it has been removed, was this a mistake??
- The fence hasn't been repaired.
- The large Willow's root ball has affected the Brook, creating a pinch point and small water fall.
 - The resulting increase in water flow is having a detrimental effect on the banks of the Brook and is exposing Tree's roots further downstream.
- Now the area has been cleared of vegetation, the existing fence is not sufficient to protect the Cistern and should be extended or the Cistern filled in as requested originally.
- Barb wire found in and around the bank
- Chippings have been left on the bank of the Brook and no doubt some have entered the water
 - Was this what the contractor was asked to do, or have they charged to remove this and dumped it (again!)



Missing Fence



Dead tree



Bark on bank



Root ball blocking water flow

Increased water flow past the blockage

General maintenance of Trees/Hedges on Hunts Grove

- Dead trees in hedgerows remain in place all around HG
- No evidence of any hedge cutting again this year, although in the Autumn the hedge boarding onto the Marconi development was cut their side?!
- Although some tree's have been cut down, there is still no evidence of preventable maintenance? Tree's are eventually removed when they get past the point of no return, depriving the residents of established mature trees, these are also not replaced.
- No reports or evidence of tree's further into Phase 3 and 4 have been maintained, especially along side the Brook.
- Replacement of the dead trees on the POS has not taken place during planting season and promised.
- New planting along Bellway seems to have taken we'll, these trees and shrubs seem a better standard than previous, question whether this will be replicated with the trees and mix woodland areas that have failed?
- HG Woodland work seems incomplete, request to Crest for an update.

Roads and Pathways

Brambling Way has finally need resurfaced

- An area at the month of Lutra is already showing wear and breaking up
- All the drains had the protection removed prior to the works
- At least 4 drains have been filled with Tramac
- The pathway's still have not been fixed, Crest say this is a DWH issue?



Blocked drain

Harrier way

- The potholes are getting well out of hand and need to be fixed asap
 - Crest said this would be done by the Easter Hols?!
- Site area has been tidied up on the road, not sure on the haul road as yet.

General issues

Water management on POS

- Water run off along the main sound bung continues to cause issue, running over the pathways and collecting in areas producing bogs and damaging the grass areas.
- A feed has been installed to the Brook this pipe flows onto the bank of the brook and will cause erosion, this could easily be directed onto the concrete less than a metre away.
- Various ditches/Sways have been produced in the same area that do not drain anywhere or don't fall to a run off.
- The run off ditch along side Siskin feeds to 2 collection areas which hold water until they over flow over the path, across the grassed area and run into the road drains, again damaging the path and grass. There is algae growing in these pools.
- There are still sand bags next to the drains and now the bags are split the sand is running into the drains and into the balancing pond!



Water collecting

Feed pipe into Brook

POS path

- Contractor put mud on the main path on Friday
 - Was seen scrapping this back using a small excavator, subsequently damaging the path surface (breaking it up!)

April Parish Council Meeting (17th April 2023)

Councillor: Demelza Turner-Wilkes

Noticeboards

- Checked weekly in March and April – no signs of water ingress. Also checked during during recent rainfall and they were dry inside.
 - Conclusion – The water getting into the boards in February may have been due to the excessive rainfall during two consecutive storms.
- Populated within the noticeboards
 - Events – Coronation and Open Garden poster are in the notice boards
 - GDASS – Updated posters from the Gloucestershire Campaign Pack.
 - Councillor list
 - Police contact information – Is missing but Ben did finally get back to me advising there are posters. I'm awaiting further correspondence.
 - Hedgehog Awareness Week Poster – Week of 30th April.
 - Any Parish Council Agendas for meetings.



Playgrounds

Limetree

- The basketball nets remain in disrepair, no replacement.
- Fencing is still damage and inconsistent around the play area and walkways have been created.
- There is kerbing missing leaving gaps that could fit small feet.





Overall the condition of the play area is extremely poor, and there appears to have been little to no repairs or maintenance in the last month.

Willow Edge

- The area is very poorly maintained. Weeds are taking over.
- The log is still degrading and rotting
- The tree which had snapped has been removed and not replaced.



Pine Martin

- Overall Pine Martin was in excellent condition
- No damage to the wooden structures
- Area was well weeded and had been mown.



Acorn Park

- The general area is looking messy from a complete lack of weeding and maintenance in the shrub areas.
- Grass is mown
- Equipment is in good condition and logs are intact
- Brickwork is still missing from the Acorn area
- Pathways have significant cracking



Overall there is a marked difference in the three playparks on phase one and the single park on phase two. The general maintenance in the phase one parks is very poor with regards to maintenance and repair.

Phase 1 Woodland

- Work undertaken by Vale Forestry 20th – 23rd March (not quite full 8 hours days)
- Returned 4th April ½ day



- Work appears to only have been undertaken at the start of the path off Oak View and ceases after 100 yards
- Corresponded with Lucie requesting
 - A report on what was undertaken.
 - Has all commissioned work been completed
 - What was the cost of the work
- I suggest we repeat the remedial work and see the difference in the reports.

Police

- Finally a response from Ben reference posters for the noticeboards
- They have a new scheme called Summer WIDE that they wish to advertise in Hunts Grove. I am awaiting further detail on this project
- Once in receipt these will be displayed in the noticeboards
- I am also trying to liaise with Ben to get us back on track and liaise better.
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CLG Liaison Meeting (not CLG Grants)

- Next meeting to be held on the 19th with information to be relayed to the council at the next council meeting

Cllr Kevin Thorne Report

Comms

- Put up second village development update video on 3 April. Running at 460 views as of Friday afternoon. Viewing numbers tracking a bit ahead of first video update.

Youth

- Have written start of a youth provision framework. Julie's put the main thrust into a slide and I'm going to do the next level of detail.

Naming

- Julie and I met with Glen Philcox a few weeks ago. The curriculum is packed so no space for bigger projects but can get the children to name the play areas. That's likely to a play area for each year, with a trip to play in it and talk about it to come up with names. We've provided a map showing the play areas.
- We've offered to go in to talk to the classes about the project. Glen's going to talk to colleagues. We need to follow that up.
- Wider than that, I still need to (a) finish comms, (b) set up the initial forms for gathering names already in use and those interested in being on the working group, and (c) work out how to approach a working group. Have struggled for time recently and want to check in with Glen before publishing anything.

Travel

- 1) As GCC Highways have said that they're looking at bringing the cycling spine route down through Kingsway, have spent time [looking at potential routes near or through Hunts Grove](#).
- 2) Hosted Stuart from Calibro and Gaynor from Crest on 6 April for discussion around active travel and transport planning for the Hunts Grove Extension.
 - a. J12 a problem so Crest need to reduce impact which means acting across HG not just the extension.
 - b. GCC and National Highways buying into "vision-led approach"
 - c. Crest and Calibro keen on having us involved, onboard with the submitted transport plan, and then being able to pass on the plan to us when the it would otherwise end 7 years after occupation.
 - d. Event for residents planned for 30 April, probably 1000-1600. Other chances to complete the survey.
 - e. The survey will also help us identify any actions we could seek to take to promote active travel.
 - f. We won't see immediate actions but hopefully we can see some steps ahead of work starting on the extension.

More detailed notes from meeting with Calibro if interested

- 3) *Hosted Stuart from Calibro and Gaynor from Crest on 6 April for discussion around active travel and transport planning for the Hunts Grove Extension.*

- a. *J12 is a problem and will cost more than SDC had thought to upgrade. Crest can beat reduce impact if they fold in whole of HG, including the commercial areas, to their HGE transport planning.*
- b. *GCC Highways and National Highways are bought into the “vision-led” approach Stuart described at the business meeting; this is fairly newly agreed National Highways policy. (Decide an outcome and then how to achieve it, rather than working how much traffic there will be and accommodating it.)*
- c. *They are very keen to have us inside at point of submission so want us to be involved along the way*
- d. *...and are also keen to be able to hand the transport plan over once the period of delivery and monitoring (7 years from last occupation) is over.*
- e. *Residents input really important to building the plan so an event for residents still planned (along with the survey from that also being posted to residents). Details to follow so we can help advertise but likely 1000-1600 on Sun 30 April.*
- f. *There’s a risk that, because the work is linked to the HGE planning, they can’t do anything too soon (else it won’t count as a saving above the current situation) but there should be things that are possible before construction progresses. We discussed the benefits of evidencing their plans and identifying some steps that could be taken. There is opportunity for us to influence conditions written into travel plan.*
- g. *The survey will also help us identify measures we could take as a council. Stuart warned that retro-fitting travel plans on to existing developments with existing habits is hard especially as a big bang can be most effective.*
- h. *Things that could form part of the transport plan are:*
 - i. *Space for homeworking being built into neighbourhood centre. I noted overlap with potential provision at the farm house.*
 - ii. *A mobility hub at neighborhood centre with electric car share vehicles, bike hire vending machine and maybe travel info screens that could be used for other info too. Could perhaps be a vending machine further up in the village too.*
 - iii. *A bus gate over Haresfield Lane bridge with exciting 64 bus redirected through HG to new employment areas. And the number 8 bus extended down to neighbourhood centre. Potential for connection to new dev in Hardwicke.*
 - iv. *Info campaigns as filling knowledge gaps can have a good impact, along with a buzz and sense of ownership (another reason why having us involved is beneficial).*

Tidy Britain: March 25th

Great turn out on the day.
We pledged 30 bags to SDC but collected 12
Provided hot drinks and cakes after and had a good chat.
Hot chocolate went down well with the youngsters.

Community Day 1st April

Weather was very dodgy in the run up to the day but thankfully stayed dry.
We had a good turn out and the feedback was positive.
Police Cadets and Colin the road safety Crocodile were a big hit and the Police engagement vehicle was well visited by residents.
Some local crafters and life Style enterprises had stalls and said they did well. Quite a few did not turn up that said they would
The Climbing wall was a fabulous success and the guys that ran it were superb.
Nigel, the Easter Bunny and Rebecca were great with the children, as was the face painting lady Emily.
I'm not sure I have every cost accurately recorded but these are my costings:

Family Music Day – Kings Coronation May 7

Stage, Groups, Magician, Dance Lady, face painting lady, burger van, coffee van, ice cream van, Army assault course and operative – all booked and confirmed.

Set-up from 10.00 am on the morning – volunteers needed to help set up gazebo's and bunting, bins and notices.

Gets open for public at 11.00 – entrance on side gate into the playing field. Bag search and hand stamp on production of tickets.

Funding from Lottery £5000 and also £250 from Preim.

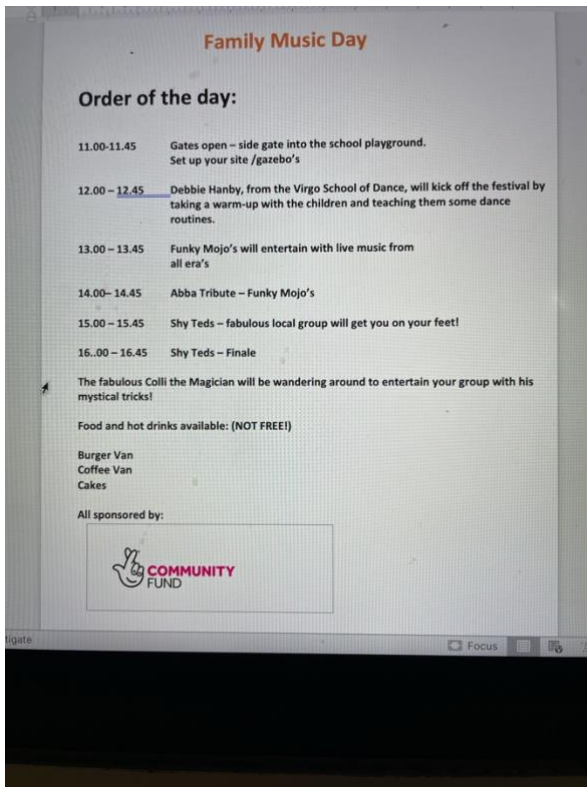
Gazebo's and tents allowed but to be spaced around the field not in front of the stage.

Food vendors to stay in staff car park. Stage to be erected at the end of the field by the Muğla court.

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1	Entertainment	Amount	Other costs				Grants					
2	Climbing wall	£350.00					GCC	£500				
3	Event Ties	£200.00	can be used again				Police Commissioners	£1,690				
4	Prizes	£26.43						£2,190				
5	1 (Councillor)	£200.00	can be used again									
6	Face painter	£150.00										
7	Portacabin	£100.00										
8	Advertising - Posters	£30.00										
9	Hire of premises	£100.00										
10	Bunting	£21.94										
11	Children's table	£61.25										
12	Music Download	£6.49										
13	Event bags	£15.99										
14	Smaller ropes	£14.99										
15		£1,481.06				Difference		£708.94				

Spreadsheet for costings:

Acts	Amount	Other costs	Amount	Grants
		Assult Course	300.00	5000 Community fund
Funky Mojo's	£450.00	Hire of Premises	150.00	250 Preim
Shy Teds	£450.00	cut out Camilla	30.82	5250
Dance Teacher	£50.00	cut out King	30.82	
	£1,000.00	First Aiders	125.00	
		Stamp for hands	85.00	
		Printing	21.00	
		Music licence	21.00	
Stage and sound system.	£1,779.00	Porta loos x 4	400.00	
		Advertising banner	160.00	
		Bunting and Flags	20.00	
		Face Painter	150.00	
		Magician	500.00	
		Incidentals:		
		toilet paper, black bags,	15.00	
		Refreshments for Bands	120.00	
		Black bins	60.00	
			2,188.64	
Total cost of Family Music Day			4,967.64	
		Difference	282.36	



Open Gardens Day June 11

In Liaison with Sian Mills on this – nothing organised but created posters and have them on notice boards, will put posters around the village once May 7th is over.

We need people to offer to open their gardens – Mark, is this something you would be interested in doing?

Finance Checks.

I have created a spreadsheet to record finance checks: I have done 3 checks for this month. Completed 2 checks this month and will aim to do 2 or 3 each month.