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WERNETH LOW COUNTRY PARK JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Day: Monday
Date: 16 July 2018
Time: 10.30 am
Place: Lower Higham Visitor Centre - Werneth Low Country Park

Item No.	AGENDA	Page No
1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE To receive any apologies for the meeting from Members of the Joint Committee.	
2.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST To receive any declarations of interest from Members of the Joint Committee.	
3.	MINUTES The Minutes of the proceedings of the previous meeting of the Werneth Low Country Park Joint Management Committee held on 19 February 2018 to be approved as a correct record.	1 - 2
4.	MEMBERSHIP OF THE JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 2018/19 Tameside MBC Councillors Bell, Bowden, Buglass, Cooper, J Fitzpatrick and Robinson Hyde War Memorial Trust Messrs Ainger, Galvin, Gradwell and Hodkinson and Mrs Evans	
5.	APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND DEPUTY CHAIR 2018/19 In accordance with the decision taken at the meeting of the Joint Management Committee held on 5 August 1986, the offices of Chair and Deputy Chair are held in rotation by a member of each of the constituent bodies. The Committee should in respect of this Municipal Year 2018/19, select the Chair from Hyde War Memorial Trust and the Deputy Chair from Tameside MBC.	
6.	GREENSPACE DEVELOPMENT OFFICER'S REPORT To consider a report of the Greenspace Development Officer.	3 - 8
7.	ANNUAL REPORT 2017/18 To consider a report of the Greenspace Development Officer.	9 - 22

From: Democratic Services Unit – any further information may be obtained from the reporting officer or from Charlotte Forrest, Senior Democratic Services Officer on 0161 342 2346 or charlotte.forrest@tameside.gov.uk, to whom any apologies for absence should be notified.

8. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

To note the dates of future meetings of the Joint Management Committee as follows, commencing at 10:30am:-

19 November 2018

18 February 2019

Agenda Item 3.

WERNETH LOW COUNTRY PARK JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Monday, 19 February 2018

Commenced: 10.30 am

Terminated: 11.05 am

Present: Councillors Robinson (Chair), Bell, Bowden, Buglass and Cooper
Mr Gradwell (Deputy Chair), Mr Ainger and Mr Hodkinson

In Attendance: Nicola Marshall Greenspace Development Manager
David Cannon Greenspace Development Officer

Apologies for Absence: Councillor J Fitzpatrick

14. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

15. MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Werneth Low Country Park Joint Management Committee held on 20 November 2017 were approved as a correct record.

16. GREENSPACE DEVELOPMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

The Greenspace Development Officer submitted a report informing members of the activities undertaken within the Country Park since the last meeting of the Joint Management Committee held on 20 November 2017.

The report outlined the following:-

- Maintenance of Sites
- Environmental Stewardship – Higher Level Agreement 2010-2020 Update
- Public Events
- Werneth Low Country Park Greenspace Volunteer Service
- Remembrance Sunday 2017
- The Lower Higham Visitor Centre
- Visitors 2017
- Wildlife Centre Conservation

With regards to Maintenance of Sites it was reported that the summer grass cutting programme was due to commence in April 2018. The programme included the Lower Higham Visitor Centre, car parks, access points, picnic areas and strips along footpaths. It was also reported that certain footpaths would need to be resurfaced during the summer months and quotes for the works were currently being sought.

The report included attendance at public events for the Country Park's winter 2017/18 programme. The annual Service of Remembrance had been held at the Cenotaph on Werneth Low on Sunday 12 November 2017, which was attended by over 500 people. Details of activities planned for spring were outlined and the summer 2018 programme of public events was currently being compiled. Visitor monitoring data for 2017 was also provided.

Since the last meeting of the Joint Management Committee volunteers had held three meetings and at their October meeting had agreed the programme of works to be undertaken during winter and spring 2017/18, a copy of the programme was appended to the report. One of the volunteers, Mr Mike Kelly, had completed the re-laying of 200 metres of hedgerow in Shepley's Meadow. The project had been funded by the Heritage Lottery and jointly managed with a Woodland Officer from Manchester City of Trees and was expected to achieve £5.00 per metre. Mr Kelly was now laying a further 38 metres of hedgerow at Ash Cottage on Higham Lane.

The Volunteer Service had celebrated their 30th Annual General Meeting on 5 February 2018. A selection of slides was shown that detailed the work of the volunteers over the 30 years. Since 1988 the volunteers had played a major and significant role in the stewardship and care of the Country Park and had provided an invaluable service. Their work focussed across the whole management spectrum of the conservation of Werneth Low and had saved a considerable amount of money, provided a viable means of engagement with the local community and ensured that the Country Park was fit for purpose. The Chair of the Joint Management Committee asked for the Committee's thanks to be conveyed to the volunteers for their hard work and commitment.

In relation to Lower Higham Visitor Centre, the Committee were told that the updated First World War exhibition had raised much interest and a class from Holy Trinity School in Gee Cross had visited the centre in January 2018 to learn about the Country Park and the purchase of land and farms in memory of the 710 servicemen that were killed in The Great War. The Greenspace Development Manager told the Committee that funding was available for a defibrillator at the centre, which would ideally be located outside the centre to ensure it was readily available, and would be discussed with Hyde War Memorial Trust at their forthcoming meeting.

Members of the Committee requested that an update be given at the next meeting of the Joint Management Committee on progress of the renewal of the 1979 agreement, which was due to expire in 2020.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the report be noted; and
- (ii) That an update on the progress of the 1979 agreement be provided at the next meeting of the Joint Management Committee.

17. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

RESOLVED:

That the Joint Committee meets as follows:-

DATE	VENUE	TIME
Monday 16 July 2018	Lower Higham Visitor Centre	10:30 am
Monday 19 November 2018	Lower Higham Visitor Centre	10:30 am
Monday 18 February 2019	Lower Higham Visitor Centre	10:30 am

18. URGENT ITEMS

There were no urgent items.

Agenda Item 6.

Report To:	WERNETH LOW COUNTRY PARK JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Date:	16 July 2018
Reporting Officer:	Ian Saxon, Director of Operations and Greenspace David Cannon, Greenspace Development Officer
Subject:	GREENSPACE DEVELOPMENT OFFICER'S REPORT
Report Summary:	To inform Members of activities undertaken within the Country Park since the last meeting of the Joint Management Committee (19 February 2018).
Recommendations:	That the report be noted.
Links to Community Strategy:	To ensure that the Country Park is an attractive and environmentally friendly place to visit.
Policy Implications:	The activities in the Country Park are in accordance with Council policy priorities.
Financial Implications: (Authorised by the Section 151 Officer)	The funding for the projects is met by the Operations and Greenspace revenue budget.
Legal Implications: (Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)	It is important that the Joint Management Committee is kept informed of activities undertaken in the Country Park.
Risk Management:	Activities in the Country Park are kept under review in order to ensure any potential risks are dealt with adequately.
Access to Information:	Background papers and information can be obtained by contacting David Cannon, Greenspace Development Officer,  phone: 0161 368 6667  e-mail: david.cannon@tameside.gov.uk

1. MAINTENANCE OF SITES

- 1.1 The summer grass cutting programme for 2018 started in April. The programme includes the grass cutting of the Lower Higham Visitor Centre area, car parks, access points, picnic areas and strips along footpaths. The cost of this programme of maintenance is paid by Tameside Council.
- 1.2 We have now received quotations from our contractors in regards to a small number of projects. The projects and costs are as follows:-
- Resurfacing the footpath from Lower Higham to the Hackingknife: **Cost: £6,384.**
 - Resurfacing the footpath from the Cenotaph across Hackingknife Meadow: **Cost: £3,327.**
 - Reforming ditches along Riding Track alongside Golf Course: **Cost: £300.**
 - Repairing 30 metres of drystone walling at Quarry Car Park: **Cost: £4,860.**
 - Installing new drainage at Baron Fields: **Cost: £580.**
- 1.3 The Operations Maintenance Team are undertaking two projects in the Country Park this summer. At Ash Cottage Picnic area on Higham Lane they will be installing new steps, and at Lower Higham they will be replacing a wooden seat.

2. ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP – HIGHER LEVEL AGREEMENT 2010 – 2020 UPDATE

- 2.1 Environmental Stewardship agreements have five primary objectives:-
- Wildlife conservation
 - Maintenance and enhancement of landscape quality and character
 - Natural resource protection
 - Protection of the historic environment; and
 - Promotion of public access and understanding of the countryside

Environmental Stewardship – Higher Level agreements are only suitable for land that is of “significant environmental interest”.

- 2.2 Since the agreement started in January 2010 the Country Park has received in total to date £42,420 of grant income from Natural England.
- 2.3 At the time of this report the Country Park is compliant with all aspects of this agreement.

3. PUBLIC EVENTS

- 3.1. The winter/spring 2017 to 2018 programme of events at Werneth Low Country Park came to an end in April. The attendance was as follows:-

Date	Event	Attendance
17 December 2017	Christmas Ramble Around Werneth Low	34
28 January 2018	New Year’s Ramble Around Werneth Low	27
25 March 2018	Roman History of Werneth Low Walk	26
1 April 2018	Easter Egg Hunt	485
30 April 2018	Ramble to Chadkirk Chapel	23
Total		595

- 3.2 The summer 2018 programme of public events is currently underway. The programme includes Flora Walks, a History Walk, a Poetry Walk and an all-day ramble to Cown Edge. All the events will be included in Tameside's Greenspace publications and social media platforms.

4. WERNETH LOW COUNTRY PARK GREENSPACE VOLUNTEER SERVICE

- 4.1 Since the last meeting of the Country Park Joint Management Committee the volunteers have held 3 meetings. The volunteers assist the Greenspace Development Officer with public events, the maintenance and general upkeep of sites and staffing the visitor centre. There are at present 16 members in the volunteer service.
- 4.2 The Greenspace Volunteers are very busy through the summer on a multitude of projects and none more important than the control of non-native invasive flowers. The main species is Himalayan Balsam, which if left unchecked will choke out native wildflowers. We monitor the amount of time site by site and record the data on a spreadsheet. This information is analysed at the end of the year, which enables us to decide the most important sites to attack the following year and to give an overall picture of the problem the Country Park faces from these dangerous weeds. The target spreadsheet for this year can be found in **Appendix 1** at the end of this report.
- 4.3 In 2007 the Country Park replaced all its post and wire stock proof fencing right across land belonging to both Tameside Council and the Hyde War Memorial Trust. This capital expenditure was secured by the Joint Committee from Council funds and the total cost for replacing 4,693 metres was £25,248. At this time suppliers of treated timbers had without consultation changed the chemical compounds of the timber preservation treatment. The outcome of this action has been the significant reduction in the viability of outdoor land management timbers such as post and wire fencing. Following a survey of the Country Park we are now in the process of replacing fencing posts the number of which amounts to many hundreds. This work is being undertaken by the Park's Volunteer Service.

5. PEACE DAY SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE 2018 – 1 JULY 2018

- 5.1 On a wonderfully sunny afternoon 50 people gathered at the Cenotaph to remember the 710 men from Hyde who perished in The Great War 1914 - 1919. This service of remembrance commemorates the date of the signing of the Peace Treaty of 1919 at Versailles, which was the formal end of The First World War. Of the 710 men the youngest was Harry Whittaker aged 15 and the oldest William Sawyer aged 65.

6. THE LOWER HIGHAM VISITOR CENTRE

6.1 The number of visitors to Lower Higham is as follows:-

Month	Lower Higham Visitor Centre
January	201
February	158
March	164
April	852
May	125
June	220
July	-
August	-
September	-
October	-
November	-
December	-
2018 Totals	1,720
Previous Years Total:	3,680

6.2 On the 17 of April the 11th Alder School Cross Country Run around Werneth Low Country Park was completed. This annual event raises thousands of pounds for The Christie Hospital in Manchester and is a great link between our local schools and the Country Park.

6.3 In June sixty children from Leigh Street Primary School visited Werneth Low Country Park as part of their local geography project. The Visitor Centre was used as a base and the children had a splendid day exploring the area and taking in the panoramic views on a fine summer's day.

7. WILDLIFE NATURE CONSERVATION

7.1 The Country Park's hay meadows have once again delivered a colourful seasonal display of grasses and wildflowers. At more locations around the Country Park Southern Marsh Orchids (*Dactylorhiza praetermissa*) have been found. This species is well distributed throughout the south of England as far north as North-east Yorkshire but is absent from Scotland and Ireland where it is replaced by the Northern Marsh Orchid. The presence of such special wild flowers in the Park's hay meadows is a reassuring point that our sympathetic environmental management is helping to conserve this increasingly rare habitat. The meadows are also a major visitor attraction for those with an interest in wildlife nature conservation.

7.2 Earlier in the summer, around the Lower Higham area, Common Grasshopper Warblers (*Locustella naevia*) have been heard making their distinctive territorial call. These birds breed across much of temperate Europe and western Asia. They are migratory, wintering in north and west Africa. The genus name *Locustella* is from Latin and is a diminutive of *locusta*, "grasshopper". Like the English name, this refers to the characteristic insect-like song of the common grasshopper warbler and some others in this genus. This small passerine bird is found in short dense vegetation, often close to water. It is a medium-sized warbler about 13 cm (5 in) long. The adult has streaked brown back and whitish grey underparts, which are un-streaked except on the undertail coverts. The sexes are identical, as with most warblers, but young birds are yellower below. Like most warblers, it is insectivorous. Four to seven eggs are laid in a nest on or near the ground in thick

vegetation or in a tussock of grass. This is a species which skulks in the undergrowth, creeping through bushes and low foliage and is very difficult to see except sometimes when singing from a prominent position. The song, which gives this species its name, is a monotonous mechanical insect-like reeling, often given at dawn or dusk.

Agenda Item 7.

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Werneth Low **Country Park**

Annual Report
2017/2018



WERNETH LOW COUNTRY PARK JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
(TAMESIDE COUNCIL AND HYDE WAR MEMORIAL TRUST)



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(Front cover photograph: Peace Day Service at the Cenotaph - Sunday 25th June 2017).



1. Werneth Low – A History

Werneth Low is an area rich in history and interest. The story of this special place begins over 4,000 years in the Bronze Age when the Low was used as an outdoor Cathedral for worship and burials.

Tribal Britons were defeated in a great battle fought on Werneth Low as the Roman occupation of Britain spread north. A Romano-British fort was built which included a system of ditches and earthworks.

Werneth is mentioned in the Domesday Survey of 1086 as *Warnet* where it is described as waste, containing woodland three leagues long and two leagues wide and was assessed at 1 Virgate. It was held before 1066, by a free man as a manor, and probably formed part of the Anglo-Saxon Lordship of Longdendale. By 1086 it was held directly by the Earl of Chester.

The manor of Werneth is first recorded as belonging to the Higham family as early as 1330. This family were referred to as freeholders in Werneth by 1445 when a John Higham was listed amongst the knights, gentleman and freeholders of Cheshire.

For the Medieval period the survival of extensive ridge and furrow earthworks, coupled with early field boundaries and farm sites, make the Werneth Low landscape one of the best surviving medieval areas in Greater Manchester.

The best known landmark on Werneth Low is the stone Cenotaph commemorating the 710 lives lost in the Great War 1914 to 1919. The majority of those killed were in the Cheshire Regiment in the years 1916 and 1917. The loss of so many from such a small town as Hyde was devastation. At a council meeting in the Mayor's Parlour at Hyde Town Hall on 3rd March 1920 it was decided to remember those fallen soldiers, sailors and airmen from Hyde by purchasing by public subscription the Lower Higham Farm Estate. The land to be kept open and free for the ***“health and recreation of the people of Hyde”***.

The Hyde War Memorial Committee reported to the townspeople of Hyde ***“Those who lived through the war will not forget but those who come after us should be reminded of the sacrifices which have been made”***

The appeal for public subscriptions raised by the end of May 1920, £14,013 14s. 8d.

The Lower Higham farm and land was purchased for £4,000 and the memorial cenotaph was erected at a cost of £2,000.

The Cenotaph was unveiled on the 25th June 1921 by Mrs Evelyn Welch, built of Grey Cornish Granite the total weight is 34 tons. It was designed by Messrs J. Whitehead & Sons of London.



Unveiling of the Cenotaph 25th June 1921

2. Werneth Low – Site Information

Location and Size

Werneth Low Country Park is located 15km (9½ miles) east of the city centre of Manchester on the edge of the Pennines. All the land in the Country Park is in the Borough of Tameside. The town of Hyde, along with the villages of Gee Cross and Newton, are just 2.5km (1½ miles) away to the west.

The Country Park consists of approximately 81 hectares (200 acres) of hilltop and hillside.

Ownership

60 hectares (150 acres) belong to the Hyde War Memorial Trust, including the visitor centre building. Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council owns the remaining 21 hectares (50 acres) of land in the park.

Creation of the Country Park

The Country Park was officially established in 1980 when the Hyde War Memorial Trust and Tameside MBC and the Greater Manchester Council entered into a formal agreement relating to the management of the park. Responsibilities relating to the Greater Manchester County Council were passed on to Tameside MBC in 1986 when the County Council was abolished.



View from Werneth Low across to Manchester - December 2017

3. Vision for Werneth Low Country Park

The Vision for Werneth Low Country Park is of a place where landscape and nature conservation and informal countryside recreation are in balance. It is a place where natural beauty is enhanced, where wildlife will thrive, and where visitors, regardless of their ability or background, can spend an enjoyable and fulfilling time. It is a place that is cared for and looked after, not just for now but for future generations.

Country Park Overall Aims:

1. To manage the Country Park in a way that sustains and improves the quality and variety of its wildlife and landscape, and where recreation activity is in harmony with this.
2. To facilitate access for all, irrespective of ability or background.
3. To manage the Country Park for its cultural and historic importance.
4. To engender an understanding of the various aspects of the Country Park through programmes of lifelong learning.
5. To provide a high quality service to visitors, involving them in decision making about how the Country Park is run.
6. To maintain a safe and health environment, befitting the Country Park.

These general management aims are supported by the Tameside Greenspace Service Priorities:

1. Improving the quality of Greenspace for residents.
2. Building capacity amongst Friends Groups and Volunteers.
3. Conserving the natural environment and increasing biodiversity.
4. Maximising opportunities to improve the health of all residents.
5. Developing opportunities to bring in external funding.



**Greenspace Volunteer Norman Bamforth
Leading a walk around Werneth Low – 28th January 2018**

4. Managing the Country Park

The Country Park is formally managed by the Werneth Low Country Park Joint Management Committee. The Committee is made up of Trustees of the Hyde War Memorial Trust and elected members of Tameside MBC. The Committee meets three times a year and the Greenspace Development Manager, and Greenspace Development Officer, report directly to the Joint Committee.

The Werneth Low Country Park Joint Management Committee receives reports from its officers concerning the care and maintenance of the Park's fabric and infrastructure ensuring the area is safe and in good condition. The Committee issues instructions to its officers to implement programmes of management, which at times involves outside organisations such as approved contractors.

Programmes of management are produced annually, and triggered by the Country Park Business Plan. The funding of projects is a mixture of both joint and individual organisations which include Tameside Council and The Hyde War Memorial Trust.

All the maintenance of sites programmes are linked directly to conserving and maintaining local distinctiveness and spirit of place.

2017/2018 Highlights

- Annual programme of grass cutting footpaths, picnic sites, cenotaph area, car parks and areas around the visitor centre completed during April to October.
- Repairs to the drainage system at the Lower Higham Visitor Centre Car Park – funded by Tameside Council. Cost: **£1,841**.
- Minor works programme completed by the Operations Maintenance Team:
 - At Cock Brow entrance to South Meadow installed new kissing gate.
 - At Ash Cottage installed 10 metres of stone flagged path.
 - At New Piece Field Meadow installed new 12 foot field gate.
 - At entrance to Golf Course, Hackingknife Meadow installed new stile.
 - At entrance to Baron Meadows replaced gate in kissing gate.
 - At Hackingknife Meadow installed new 12 foot field gate.
 - On riding track network repaired 6 metres of post and rail wooden fencing.

The cost of this work was paid for by Tameside Council - **£2,850**.



New drainage at the Lower Higham Visitor Centre Car Park

5. Involving the Community

Involving the community plays a crucial part in securing the wellbeing of the Country Park. It is an objective that is at the very heart of our management philosophy.

Examples of community involvement include: The Country Park Volunteers Service, The Hyde War Memorial Trust, Tenant Farmers, and other tenants of Country Park land such as Werneth Low Golf Club.

The Public Events programme provides an excellent opportunity for people to come together and experience the delights of the outdoors.

2017/2018 Highlights

- We welcomed **3,433** people to the Lower Higham Visitor Centre (Previous year's total: **3,519**).
- The Country Park Greenspace Volunteers completed in total **4,182** work hours (Previous year's total: **4,101** work hours). See Appendix 1. and Appendix 2.
- During the year the Greenspace Development Officer organized **11** events at which **558** people attended (Previous year's total: **11** events at which **284** people attended).
- Alder Community High School cross country run around Werneth Low Country Park raised **£3,000** for The Christie Hospital.



Alder Community High School run-around Werneth Low - 2nd May 2017

6. Conserving Habitats and Wildlife

In January 2010 Werneth Low Country Park, in partnership with Natural England, began a new management agreement for wildlife nature conservation. This new Environmental Stewardship agreement covers the years 2010 to 2020 and it has five primary objectives:

- Wildlife conservation
- Maintenance and enhancement of landscape quality and character
- Natural resource protection
- Protection of the historic environment; and
- Promotion of public access and understanding of the countryside

Environmental Stewardship – Higher Level agreements are only suitable for land that is of “*significant environmental interest*” so to receive this agreement is confirmation that past management of Country Park land has been correct.

The agreement is implemented through a programme of annual works and during the period of this report we have been fully compliant.

2017/2018 Highlights

- Environmental Stewardship agreement 8th year compliant securing **£3,326** of grant income.
- Environmental Stewardship grant income to date since commencement of agreement in January 2010 **£42,420**.
- Maintained field boundary habitats, both hedgerows and dry stone walls.
- Maintained all Sites of Biological importance and undertook removal of non-native invasive weeds from adjoining areas.



**Shepley's Meadow 200 metres of Hedgelaying
Completed by volunteer Mike Kelly - September 2017 to March 2018**

7. Providing a Quality Service

We work in close partnership with visitors, the local community, groups and organisations and we listen very carefully to their comments, suggestions and ideas. The Lower Higham Visitor Centre, staffed by volunteers, has continued to be open every week throughout the period of this report. The Centre remains the main focal point for visitors for information and assistance.

Planned Developments 2018/2019

- Complete Year 9 of the Environmental Stewardship Agreement.
- Complete the 2018/2019 Maintenance of Sites Programme.
- Complete the 2017/2018 Wildlife Nature Conservation Programme.
- Complete programme of repairs to footpaths and riding track network.
- Redraft the Country Park Management Plan.

How Much Does it Cost

During the period of this report the costs of looking after Werneth Low Country Park was provided from the Greenspace Development Budget of Tameside Council with contributions from the Hyde War Memorial Trust. Based on past expenditure and this year's financial accounts it has cost around **£37,000** to run the Country Park during 2017 to 2018. This works out at about **17p** a year for each person over the age of 18 who live in Tameside. The costs are for:

- Maintaining the Country Park.
- Organising public event programmes.
- Promoting the Country Park locally and regionally.
- Delivering visitor services including the Visitor Centre.
- Staff Salaries.



Dry Stone Walling Weekend at Hackingknife Meadow May 2017

Appendices

Appendix 1.

List of Staff and Volunteers at Werneth Low Country Park 2017 -2018:

Nicola Marshall – Tameside Greenspace Development Manager

David Cannon – Tameside Greenspace Development Officer

Greenspace Volunteers:

Anita Allan

Alan Bamforth

Norman Bamforth

Colin Bates

Dorothy Hollingworth

John Jones

Mike Kelly

Raymond Knowles

Suzanne Mckeever

Linda Mellor

Denis Middleton

Ross Pape

Hazel Shepherdson

Sam Simpson

Martin Stapleton



Appendix 2.

Maintenance of Sites Programme, Greenspace Volunteers, October 2017 – March 2018

Project	Location	Task
1	Hackingknife Woodland	Plant 2,000 Pseudo narcissi
2	Lower Higham Drive	Cut back 30 metres of hedgerow
3	Hackingknife	Tractor cut Rosebay Willowherb
4	Lower Higham - Cow Lane	Cut back, prune hedgerow and sweep lane, clean-out grids
5	Cenotaph Area	Cut grass/edge off. Clean area ready for Remembrance Day
6	Lower Higham Gardens	Clean borders and prune shrubs ready for Remembrance Day
7	Orchard Hedgerow	Reduce height along all length to aid summer cutting
8	Lower Higham Cow Lane	Tractor flail hedgerow
9	Lower Higham Visitor Centre	Clean all banking and hedgerow around Garage Building
10	Baron Fields Hazel Coppice	Coppice Hazel in Memorial Coppice and process timber
11	Rear of Hillcrest	Thin-out Coppice
12	Lower Higham Orchard	Cut back 40 metres of hedgerow
13	Flaggy Path Hedgerow	Cut back 124 metres of hedgerow
14	QCP Picnic Area	Cut back 54 metres of hedgerow
15	Lower Higham Car Park	Cut back 20 metres of Holly hedgerow
16	Werneth Low Road	Cut back 356 metres of hedgerow
17	Rig Field Meadow	Cut back 300 metres of hedgerow
18	Holy Trinity Paddock	Cut back 60 metres of hedgerow
19	Riding Track Higham Cottages	Cut back 140 metres of hedgerow
		Total Hedge Cutting metres 1,094
20	Shepley's Meadow	200 Metres of Hedgelaying
21	Ash Cottage	38 metres of Hedgelaying
22	Milkwort Bank	Coppice/Cut Back Ulex europaeus (Common Gorse)
23	New Piece Meadow	Remove/cut back encroaching blackthorn
24	All Sites	Outstanding from access audit





Remembrance Day, November 2017.

**David Cannon
Tameside Greenspace Development Officer
(June 2018).**

(All the photographs in this report were taken April 2017 to March 2018).



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