



Outer North East Community Committee Environmental Sub Group

Parks and Countryside Update

Overall Update

- Service lost up to 35% of staff (due to Covid) at various points throughout the year, limiting operations to essential maintenance and reactive work.
- The Arium was one of the first facilities to re-open and received hugely positive feedback from members of the public for its approach to social distancing.
- Service supported local concessions and licence holders – Wetherby Wilderness Car Park concessions locally affected.
- Allotment usage skyrocketed since the lockdown and work is being undertaken with the Federation to see how provision can be maintained and potentially increased – locations numbers plot holder waiting lists.
 - Wetherby – Parks & Countryside do not manage any sites in this area. However there are 2 small sites managed by the Council's City Development Team (Debbie Kirk) which are:
 - Ainsty Crescent
 - Hallfield Crescent
 - Alwoodley - Parks & Countryside manage 3 sites in this area which are as follows:
 - Alderton Allotments, LS17 5LL – 10 half plots and 8 raised beds – full with waiting list of 3
 - Deanswood Drive Allotments, LS17 5JQ – 10 half plots – restricted access through properties on Deanswood Drive
 - High Ash Drive Allotments, LS17 8RD– 15 half plots – full with waiting list 24
 - There is another site in the Alwoodley area on Eccup Moor Road – this is not managed by Parks & Countryside but is run by Alwoodley Allotment Association
 - Harewood
 - Bunkers Hill Allotments, Aberford, LS25 3EJ – 4 plots of various sizes – 1 vacancy
 - Beech View Allotments, off Castle Lane – this site is managed by LCC City Development Team
- Events are being booked for 2021
- Play area Shadwell - Working on delivery of a play area with the residents and ward members in Shadwell off Holy Well Lane. The existing playground there is around 30 years old. Consultation is complete and the residents have in principle secured some s106 funding – but we are still working on securing some external funding. If successful this will see the play area refurbished and potentially some drainage works to the field. In addition, the bloom group are helping with some landscaping works in the play area
- King Lane Rec - Work on improving King Lane Rec (informal play area) is due to start in December.

Operations Update

- Current staffing position update.
- Future unclear as budget actions around operations are proposed which may affect service delivery.
- In bloom is part of that and while suspended this year we are now working to plan for next year. The likelihood is virtual assessments are to be used.
- Woodland creation –
 - Lingfield Road
 - Tynwald Road
 - Clifford Moor/West Wood Road