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High Ham annual report 2025

Here is the annual report for what we have done so far in the parish this year. We have lots of good feedback for our work which has been encouraging.

There seems to be increasing issues in MW however with logs being thrown into the pond and disturbing wildlife. A number of items of lost property still on site and dog mess also an issue. The lost words have been moved around by someone and there is one that I can't now find.

Other than that, the year ahead is more of the same.

2024

May:

grass cutting in all the usual places including visibility splays

June:

Continued with the grass cutting in the cemetery and MW as well as clearing visibility splays in the country lanes including the cross roads on Moreton's Lane. I also sprayed the weeds along the main road in the village and in the cemetery. We also cleared back the hog weed that encroached on the rides in millennium wood.

July:

Continued with the vegetation management at the cemetery and MW. We also worked our way through the lanes clearing visibility splays and around signs. Applied weed killer in the village hall car park, in the pound, in Saint Andrew's Close and along the main road.

August/ September:

Continued with the grass cutting in the cemetery and in MW as well as cutting back visibility splays and around signs throughout the parish.

Trimmed back encroaching vegetation in MW including bramble and hedges.

Began conducting a tree survey in the cemetery to determine what tree works are needed there.

October/November:

Completed the final cut at the cemetery for this season. Tidied up other areas of vegetation ready for the winter including the verge along Union Drove. Other routine works include drainage during periods of high rainfall.

As requested we have crown lifted the trees along the fence line in the play area car park. We have also started winter maintenance in the Cemetry including clearing the vegetation growing through the fence and crown lifting where needed around the outside path. Other tree works will commence after we complete the tree survey.

Towards the end of October we had a meeting at Millennium Wood where we discussed winter work which includes bramble management and essential tree works such as felling diseased ash trees.

December:

Clearing vegetation around grit bins and ensuring grit is topped up.

Installed Geocache in MW.

Cleared around the fence of the cemetery and removed any overhanging branches from around the perimeter path.

At Millennium Wood we removed a tree that had fallen over one of the rides following the storms and removed branches that had snapped off and fallen into the walkways or play areas.

We also continued with drainage works around the Low Ham and Henley area, clearing leaves and mud from around the grids whilst the weather has been relatively dry.

2025

January/February:

Made progress on the new signs for the lost words in MW. The signs were cut and painted and I'm now working my way through getting the lettering on.

Storm damaged trees were dealt with including those compromised by squirrel damage.

Moved damaged trees were dealt off the fence line in the cemetery.

Tried to manually remove moss from play area but need dry days to apply moss killer.

More drainage.

March:

we have begun the grass cutting, we have done the first cuts of the season at the cemetery and at Millennium Wood.

April:

Grass cutting in both the cemetery and in MW. We have also cut back the visibility splay at the top of Mildmays Road.

Weed killing around the cemetery and village. The hard surfaces around the swings and other play equipment has been treated with moss killer in the play area.

We had a meeting with the ecologists in MW to discuss wildlife surveying and they have agreed to conduct newt and dormice surveys. Discussed the possibility of other things we can do to increase wildlife and biodiversity, including leaving managed patches of bramble and installing bat roosts.

Also in MW we have checked the lost words signage (all still intact), removed sections of wood that have been repeatedly put into the pond, and replaced the geocache that was taken earlier last month.

May:

Another moss treatment and scrape of the play area. Significant improvement noted.

Continued grass cutting and weed killing around the centre of the village.

Visibility splays cut on junctions.