



Service Delivery Committee	Tuesday, 10 July 2018	Matter for Information
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Report Title: **Greening of the Borough and Operational Services Update (Q4 2017/18)**

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Purpose of Report:	To provide Members with an update on the Borough's green and natural spaces, including Brocks Hill Country Park.
Report Summary:	This report provides details of the range of works that have taken place across the borough by Operational Services, the Park Warden and a range of volunteers.
Recommendation(s):	That the contents of the report be noted by Members.
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Corporate Priorities:	Green & Safe Places (CP4) Wellbeing for All (CP5)
Vision and Values:	<p>"A Strong Borough Together" (Vision)</p> <p>Accountability (V1)</p> <p>Respect (V2)</p> <p>Teamwork (V3)</p> <p>Innovation (V4)</p> <p>Customer Focus (V5)</p>
Report Implications:-	
Legal:	There are no implications arising from this report.
Financial:	There are no implications arising from this report.
Corporate Risk Management:	Decreasing Financial Resources (CR1)
Equalities and Equalities Assessment (EA):	There are no implications arising from this report. EA not applicable.
Human Rights:	There are no implications arising from this report.

Statutory Officers' Comments:-	
Head of Paid Service:	The report is satisfactory.
Chief Finance Officer:	The report is satisfactory.
Monitoring Officer:	The report is satisfactory.
Consultees:	None.
Background Papers:	None.
Appendices:	None.

1. Brocks Hill Country Park Update (Quarter 4)

- 1.1 Since the end of the winter, the Park Warden has been planning new work schedules for spring, communicating with volunteers and ensuring relevant data is compliant with new GDPR regulations.
- 1.2 Volunteers have assisted with clearing the woodlands and creating log piles following on from the tree felling works over winter. Other works include path repairs on the pathways around Brocks Hill, as they are easily eroded particularly in wet weather.
- 1.3 The students from South Leicestershire College together with one of our Lead Volunteers continue to attend to work on the raised beds.

Plans Moving Forwards

- 1.4 In May 2018 another volunteering day was held for Charnwood Foods employees.
- 1.5 The Park Warden and many of the volunteers contributed to a range of aspects in the Country Park prior to the visit by the Green Flag judges on 18 May. The initial comments from the assessment were positive; the formal results will be confirmed in July.
- 1.6 The wildlife survey volunteers are continuing to carry out an important range of surveys, which underpin appropriate management at Brocks Hill and the other natural greenspaces.

2. Operational Services & Street Scene Update (Quarter 4)

- 2.1 The final quarter of the financial year involved working on the winter maintenance plan covering the open spaces and parks in the Borough as well as housing communals. This work included cutting back shrub beds and carrying out tree maintenance. In addition to edging up around the borough parks and maintaining the football pitches and bowling greens.
- 2.2 Since April this year, the team has been preparing for the Green Flag assessment as well as the East Midlands in Bloom judging, which is due to take place on 11 July. The Badge bed at Peace Memorial Park has just been installed and the summer bedding plants have now arrived e.g marigolds and petunias etc. This is in addition to a range of different grasses which will be used to create a new shrub bed, location of which is yet to be confirmed.