



Buckingham Town Council

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Town Clerk: Claire Molyneux

ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 27 September 2023

Councillor,

You are summoned to a meeting of the Environment Committee of Buckingham Town Council which will be held on Monday 2nd October 2023 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Cornwalls Meadow, Buckingham.

Please note that the meeting will be preceded by a Public Session in accordance with Standing Orders 3.e and 3.f, which will last for a maximum of 15 minutes. Members of the public can attend the meeting in person. If you would like to address the meeting virtually, please email committeeclerk@buckingham-tc.gov.uk or call 01280 816426 for details.

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Claire Molyneux
Town Clerk

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence

Members are asked to receive apologies for absence.

2. Declarations of interest

To receive declarations of any personal or prejudicial interest under consideration on this agenda in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 Sections 26-34 & Schedule 4.

3. Minutes

To agree the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 31st July 2023.

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4. Budgets

4.1. To receive the latest figures.

4.2. To receive a report regarding budget lines for 2024/25.

[Appendix A](#)
[E/82/23](#)



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Neurkirchen-Vluyn, Germany



Members are reminded when making decisions that the Public Sector Equality Duty 2010 requires Members to have due regard to the need to: Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct that is prohibited by the Act, advance equality of opportunity between people who share a characteristic and those who don't, and to foster good relations between people who share a characteristic and those who don't. All Committee documents can be found on the Buckingham Town Council's website. Alternatively, the Clerk can send you a copy of any minutes, reports, or other information. To do this, send a request using the contact details set out above.

5. Bourton Park Bridge - Right of Way diversion application.

To receive a report from the Estates Manager.

[E/83/23](#)**6. Greener together initiative**

To receive a report from the Estates Administrator.

[E/84/23](#)**7. Compliments and Complaints Log**

To receive a report from the Estates Administrator.

[Appendix B](#)**8. Chair's announcements****9. Date of next meeting:** Monday 20th November 2023.**To Committee Members:**

Cllr. R. Ahmed

Vice Chair

Cllr. A. Ralph

Cllr. F. Davies

Chair

Cllr. A. Schaefer

Town Mayor

Cllr. M. Gateley

Cllr. R. Stuchbury

Cllr. J. Harvey

Cllr. R. Willett

Cllr. L. O'Donoghue

COMMITTEE IN PRIVATE SESSION**Exclusion of public and press**

RECOMMENDED In terms of Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972, the following items will be likely to disclose exempt information relating to establishment and contractual matters and it is, therefore, **RECOMMENDED** that pursuant to the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 the public and press be excluded.

10. Update on insurance claim

To receive a report from the Estates Manager.

[E/85/23](#)**11. Structural engineers report at St Peters and St Pauls Church**

To receive a verbal update from the Estates Manager.

12. Bourton Park footpaths QS and engineer

To receive a report from the Estates Administrator.

[E/86/23](#)**13. War memorial repair**

To receive a report from the Estates Administrator.

[E/87/23](#)**14. Footpath repairs at Brackley Road Cemetery**

To receive a report from the Estates Manager.

[E/88/23](#)**15. Chandos Park - Play area repairs**

To receive a report from the Estates Manager.

[E/89/23](#)**16. Chandos Park – S106 Improvements**

To receive a report from the Estates Manager.

[E/90/23](#)**17. Buckingham Community Centre External Repairs**

To receive a report from the Estates Manager.

[E/91/23](#)**18. Bus Shelter Repairs**

To receive a report from the Estates Manager.

[E/92/23](#)**19. Memorial safety testing**

To receive a report from the Estates Administrator.

[E/93/23](#)

Detailed Income & Expenditure by Budget Heading 30/09/2023

Month No: 6

Committee Report

	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Explanations
<u>ENVIRONMENT</u>							
<u>201 Environment</u>							
3995 NI Environment	8,587	20,582	11,995		11,995	41.7%	
3996 Pensions ERS Environment	23,183	57,963	34,780		34,780	40.0%	
4004 Salaries Environment	102,035	230,926	128,891		128,891	44.2%	
4112 Environment Equipment	2,334	10,260	7,926	2,100	5,826	43.2%	
4168 Defibrillators	0	518	518	223	295	43.1%	
<u>202 Roundabouts</u>							
1051 Roundabout no. 1	2,576	2,576	0			100.0%	
1052 Roundabout no. 2	1,373	1,373	0			100.0%	
1053 Roundabout no. 3	0	2,254	2,254			0.0%	
1054 Roundabout no. 4	2,594	2,872	278			90.3%	
1056 Roundabout no. 6	0	3,060	3,060			0.0%	
1057 Roundabout no. 7	1,561	1,561	0			100.0%	
<u>203 Maintenance</u>							
4082 Allotments	2,101	2,101	0		0	100.0%	
<u>204 Devolved services expenses</u>							
1017 Devolved services income	22,881	20,992	(1,889)			109.0%	More income than anticipated at precept
<u>205 Grounds maintenance</u>							
4033 Waste disposal	2,164	5,610	3,446		3,446	38.6%	
4035 Machinery	235	2,650	2,415		2,415	8.9%	
4036 Fuel (Mower)	1,132	2,300	1,168		1,168	49.2%	
4037 Sundries	483	2,750	2,267		2,267	17.6%	
4063 Vehicle hire and running costs	1,795	7,000	5,205		5,205	25.6%	
<u>248 Depot</u>							
4013 Equipment purchase	0	4,070	4,070		4,070	0.0%	
4055 Alarm	517	500	(17)		(17)	103.4%	Price increases
4225 Rates	4,349	4,556	207		207	95.5%	
4601 Repairs & maintenance fund	57	900	843		843	6.3%	
4602 Electricity	901	2,000	1,099		1,099	45.0%	
4603 Water	227	550	323		323	41.2%	

249 4 MP 17 Toilets/Shopmobility

1085	Shopmobility income	0	200	200		0.0%
4602	Electricity	0	600	600	600	0.0%
4603	Water	0	600	600	600	0.0%
4608	Shopmobility	0	1,250	1,250	1,250	0.0%
4612	Contractor charge	3,483	10,560	7,077	7,077	33.0%
4709	Maintenance	0	600	600	600	0.0%

Appendix A

250 Lace Hill

1026	Lace Hill Community Centre	21,388	40,250	18,862		53.1%
1027	Solar income	3	0	(3)		0.0%
4050	Lace Hill playing fields	280	550	270	270	51.0%
4118	Solar panels	0	380	380	380	0.0%
4158	Lace Hill gas	1,940	4,202	2,262	2,262	46.2%
4159	Lace Hill electricity	1,064	7,660	6,596	6,596	13.9%
4160	Lace Hill water	357	385	28	28	92.7%
4161	Lace Hill Repair & Maintenance	2,926	3,707	781	861	(80) 102.2%
4162	Lace Hill Planned Maintenance	6,870	7,200	330	330	95.4%
4164	Lace Hill equipment	236	3,000	2,764	2,764	7.9%
4225	Rates	10,354	10,704	350	350	96.7%

To be checked

Unexpected repairs / price increases

251 Chandos Park

1030	Bowls income	0	627	627		0.0%
1035	TENNIS COURT RENT	0	714	714		0.0%
4601	Repairs & maintenance fund	0	3,780	3,780	3,780	0.0%
4602	Electricity	236	1,600	1,364	1,364	14.8%
4603	Water	852	2,120	1,268	1,268	40.2%
4606	Bowls Club Maintenance	110	2,120	2,010	2,010	5.2%

252 Bourton Park

4601	Repairs & maintenance fund	5,598	8,300	2,702	742	1,960 76.4%
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253 Cemeteries

1041	Burial fees	9,219	27,050	17,831		34.1%
4225	Rates	2,201	1,056	(1,145)	(1,145)	208.4%
4265	New cemetery maintenance	0	3,500	3,500	3,500	0.0%
4601	Repairs & maintenance fund	1,946	4,445	2,499	1,300	1,199 73.0%
4602	Electricity	365	960	595	595	38.0%
4617	Memorial testing	79	2,156	2,077	2,077	3.6%
4619	Cemeteries Development	20,151	69,647	49,496	49,496	28.9%
4620	Expenses for burial duties	1,405	5,510	4,105	4,105	25.5%

Possible refund of rates due. Is being investigated

254 Chandos Park toilets

4612 Contractor charge	3,483	11,810	8,327		8,327	29.5%	
4709 Maintenance	1,122	1,185	63		63	94.7%	

Appendix A

255 Railway Walk & Castle Hill

4120 Friends of Groups	0	1,140	1,140		1,140	0.0%	
4709 Maintenance	140	1,096	956		956	12.8%	

256 Storage Premises

4066 Grenville garage rent	299	765	466		466	39.1%	
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258 Cemetery Lodge

1061 Cemetery Lodge rental income	4,507	11,747	7,240			38.4%	
4034 PWLB repayments inc. interest	2,351	4,702	2,351		2,351	50.0%	
4609 Cemetery Lodge maintenance	0	3,105	3,105		3,105	0.0%	

260 CCTV

1097 Grants Received	4,000	0	(4,000)			0.0%	Grant income not precepted
4100 CCTV maintenance	7,106	2,500	(4,606)	(4,606)		284.3%	Wireless CCTV. See grant above & code 9035 901 (12/6 meeting)

261 Community Centre

4085 Structural repairs	0	15,000	15,000	550	14,450	3.7%	
4091 Chamber	1,032	1,051	19		19	98.2%	

262 Parks General

1064 Section 106 income	121,043	0	(121,043)			0.0%	Received for BP Toddler Play Park
4101 Seats and bins	0	1,605	1,605	328	1,277	20.4%	
4102 Dog bins	(278)	9,010	9,288	4,072	5,217	42.1%	
4106 Play area maintenance	4,056	6,966	2,910	1,583	1,327	80.9%	
4122 Tree works	8,735	28,200	19,465		19,465	31.0%	
4270 Bridges	0	45,000	45,000		45,000	0.0%	
4275 Play area replacement fund	0	5,000	5,000		5,000	0.0%	
4276 Tree wardens	0	1,100	1,100		1,100	0.0%	
4607 SECTION 106	120,300	0	(120,300)	(120,300)		0.0%	Purchase of BP Toddler Play Park

Grand Totals:- Income	191,145	115,276	(75,869)			165.8%	
Expenditure	359,050	653,173	294,123	11,759	282,364	56.8%	
Net Income over Expenditure	(167,905)	(537,897)	(369,992)				

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	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent
<u>EARMARKED RESERVES</u>						
901 Ear-marked reserves						
9002 Cemetery development	0	52,433	52,433		52,433	0.0%
9010 Flood relief fund	0	826	826		826	0.0%
9011 War memorial	0	2,000	2,000		2,000	0.0%
9019 Memorial testing & Repairs	0	2,000	2,000		2,000	0.0%
9025 Play area replacement	0	52,932	52,932		52,932	0.0%
9035 Parks Development	6,730	12,230	5,500		5,500	55.0%
9040 Park run	0	89	89		89	0.0%
9050 Bridge Repairs	13,263	13,263	(0)		(0)	100.0%
9052 Depot equipment	3,785	11,635	7,850		7,850	32.5%
9053 AEDs	0	555	555		555	0.0%
9054 Lace Hill repairs & Maintenance	0	25,000	25,000		25,000	0.0%
9057 Cemetery Lodge repairs	0	5,180	5,180		5,180	0.0%
9058 Bowls Club Pavilion repairs	0	770	770		770	0.0%
9059 Making good / boundary repairs	0	45,000	45,000		45,000	0.0%
9065 Purchase cemetery & allotment	0	87,000	87,000		87,000	0.0%
Ear-marked reserves :- Indirect Expenditure	23,778	310,913	287,135	0	282,135	
Net Expenditure	(23,778)	(310,913)	(287,135)			
EARMARKED RESERVES :- Income	0	0	0			
Expenditure	23,778	310,913	287,135	0	282,135	

Buckingham Town Council
Environment Committee
Monday 2nd October 2023.

Contact Officer: Town Clerk / Estates Manager

Proposed Environment Budget lines 2024/25

1. Recommendations

- 1.1. It is recommended that members note and agree the following changes to the budget line cost centres as part of the Environment Committee budget for 2024/25.

2. Background

- 2.1. In order to begin planning budgets for the 2024/25 year, members are asked to review the budget lines and cost centres and confirm that they wish to continue with the following named budgets.

3. Information

- 3.1 Changes to the budget lines have been highlighted:

Budget Code	Cost Centre	Name	Recommended changes
201	3995	NI Environment	
201	3996	Pensions ERS Environment	
201	4004	Salaries environment	
201	4068	Community Service	
201	4112	Environment Equipment	Move from 201 to 262
201	4168	Defibrillators	Move from 201 to 262
202	1051	Roundabout 1 Sponsorship	
202	1052	Roundabout 2 Sponsorship	
202	1053	Roundabout 3 Sponsorship	
202	1054	Roundabout 4 Sponsorship	
202	1056	Roundabout 6 Sponsorship	
202	1057	Roundabout 7 Sponsorship	
202	4108	Roundabout Expenditure	
203	4082	Allotments	
204	1017	Devolved services income	
204	4124	Devolved services expenses	
205	4033	Waste disposal	
205	4035	Machinery	

205	4036	Fuel (Mower)	
205	4037	Sundries	
205	4063	Vehicle hire and running costs	Change to vehicle running costs
248	4013	Depot Equipment purchase	
248	4055	Depot Alarm	
248	4225	Depot Rates	
248	4601	Depot Repairs & maintenance fund	
248	4602	Depot Electricity	
248	4603	Depot Water	
249	1085	Shopmobility income	
249	4602	Shopmobility Electricity	
249	4603	Shopmobility Water	
249	4608	Shopmobility expenditure	
249	4612	Contractor charge	
249	4709	Maintenance	
250	1026	Lace Hill Community Centre Income	
250	1027	Solar income	
250	4050	Lace Hill playing fields	
250	4118	Solar panels	
250	4158	Lace Hill gas	
250	4159	Lace Hill electricity	
250	4160	Lace Hill water	
250	4161	Lace Hill repairs & Maintenance	
250	4162	Lace Hill contractor charge	
250	4163	Lace Hill alarm	
250	4164	Lace Hill equipment	
250	4225	LH Rates	
251	1030	Bowls Club Lease income	
251	1035	Tennis Club Lease income	
251	4601	Repairs & maintenance fund	
251	4602	Electricity	
251	4603	Water	
251	4606	Bowls Club Maintenance	
252	4601	Bourton Park repairs & maintenance fund	
253	1041	Burial fees	
253	4225	Rates	
253	4265	New cemetery maintenance	
253	4601	Repairs & maintenance fund	
253	4602	Electricity	
253	4617	Memorial testing	
253	4619	New cemetery repayments	
253	4620	Expenses for burial duties	

254	4612	Chandos Toilets Contractor charge	
254	4709	Chandos Toilets Maintenance	
255	1039	Community funding	Remove – No longer required.
255	4120	Friends of Groups	Merge with tree wardens and create Environment volunteer groups
255	4709	Maintenance	
256	4066	Grenville garage rent	
258	1061	Cemetery Lodge rental income	
258	4034	Cem Lodge PWLB repayments inc. interest	
258	4609	Cemetery Lodge maintenance	
260	4100	CCTV maintenance	
261	4085	Community Centre Structural repairs	
261	4091	Chamber	
262		Parks general	Rename Environment general
262	4101	Seats and bins	
262	4102	Dog bins	Rename Dog bin emptying
262	4106	Play area maintenance	
262	4122	Tree works	
262	4270	Bridges	Remove if works are completed.
262	4275	Play area replacement fund	
262	4276	Tree wardens	Merge with (255/4120) and create Environment volunteer groups
New Code TBC		St. Rumbold's Field - new cost code	TBC - subject to negotiations
EMR		Machinery replacement and repair	Request Precept to create
EMR		Vehicle replacement and repair	Request Precept to create

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Environment Committee
Monday 2nd October 2022.

Contact Officer: Lee Philips, Estates Manager

Bourton Park Bridge, Public Right of Way (RoW)

1. Recommendations

1.1. Members agree to proceed with the process of applying to divert the Public Right of Way BUC/27/3 across a new 40m section of footpath to connect with RoW BUC/27/2.

1.2. Members to agree to taking up to £6,000 from budget 262/4270 (Bridges).

2. Background

2.2. It has come to light that the Bridge, which was agreed to be removed, has a right of way crossing it (BUC/27/3). It is proposed that the right of way be diverted over the existing bridge 1, the new route indicated on image 1 below.

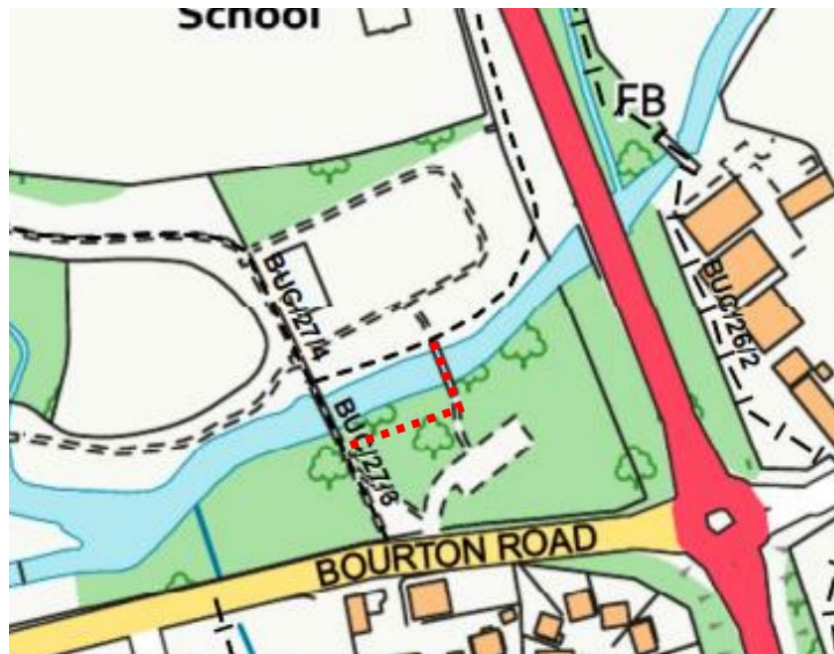


Image 1.

2.3. A public right of way can be moved to another route for various reasons, in the in the interest of the public, the landowner, or for development to take

place. Any application must be able to show that the new route will not be substantially less convenient for the public.

2.4. As agreed at Environment Committee on the 19th December 2022 “*bridge number 2 is removed and not replaced due to the proximity of bridge 1 that already crosses the river.*” (minute 507/22.1)

2.5. As part of the works for removing bridge 2, it was an aim to have a new section of footpath be created to realign the pedestrian footpath from Bourton Road with bridge 1 (see red highlighted path within image2).



Image 2.

2.6. It is hoped that funding for the new section of tarmac footpath will come through the Council’s FCC Community Action Fund Bid to renovation and improve Bourton Park’s footpaths.

2.7. There is no immediate requirement to close bridge 2, until the new section of footpath is created. The Greenspaces Team conduct regular safety inspections and any repair works dealt with in house.

3. Budget Costs

3.1. Costs involved in moving a public right of way:

Initial consultation fee	Public Path order fee	Advertising notices	Cost of new signage	Cost to remove old signage	Total
£360.50	£3,555.42	Costs associated with advertising could exceed £1,800	£152 for new way markers	£140	£5,715.92
This is a non-returnable deposit.	Charged when (and if) an Order is made.				

3.2. There is currently £45,000 in 262/4270 (Bridges) which was the amount that initial investigations suggested the removal would cost. Further work has been completed and it is hoped that the cost will be nearer to £38,000.

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Monday 12th September 2022.

Contact Officer: Nina Stockill, Estates Administrator

Buckingham Library initiative – Greener Together

1. Recommendations

- 1.1 To support the initiative by agreeing to staff an information stall at the forthcoming event.

2. Background

- 2.1 Founded in 2021, the Greener Together initiative explores ways in which libraries can help to mitigate climate change, raise awareness of the global climate challenges that we face, and support individuals and local communities who want to take practical steps towards leading a greener, lower carbon lifestyle.
- 2.2 Buckingham Library has adopted this initiative and plans to arrange an information sharing event in October or November 2023 – date to be finalised. The Town Council has been asked if they would like to host a stall.
- 2.3 As a Town Council we are committed to developing more sustainable working practices within our own offices and acting alongside our communities, so that we can all go greener. As part of our Climate Emergency Action Plan, we have agreed an objective to engage local people in accelerating their own response and building resilience to ongoing climate impacts.

3. Budget Costs

- 3.1 The office will reuse materials from previous public events.
- 3.2 The event will take place on a Saturday and the Town Council's information stall will be led by the Estates Administrator. The only budgetary implication is the additional 4 hours (6 hours at time and a half) in lieu.

Ref	Date	Problem	Location	Does person want feedback	Who is responsible for area	Action Required	Outcome/ Follow up
s113	04/05/2023	The nursery garden has been having a revamp. We are very lucky to have had the help of Buckingham Town Council's Greenspaces Team with shovelling wood chip, carrying logs and even moving the shed. We would like to say a massive thank you for all your help.	Bourton Meadow Academy	No	BTC	Passed compliment onto greenspaces team	N
s114	16/05/2023	I was just wondering what the grass cutting situation is with regards the verges up on Embleton Way? I though the TC had the responsibility of mowing the grass but I may be wrong. As you can see from the attached photo it hasn't yet been cut. The green up here has only been cut once and it is a jungle but I know that is not the TC's responsibility.	Embleton Way	Yes	BTC and Bucks	Greenspaces to cut verges next week.	N
s115	16/05/2023	When will the embleton way verges be cut?	Embleton Way	Yes	BTC	Greenspaces to cut verges next week.	N
s116	22/05/2023	bank at rear of 5, de clare court not been cut	De Clare Court	Y	Bucks Council	emailed Bucks Parks dept	
s117	30/05/2023	Good Morning Can we please have the grass/ weeds/ shrubs cut back on the footpath that runs from Cobham Close MK18 1LY to Pightle Hill. Thank You	Cobham Close		BTC - devolved services	GST asked to investigate /cut	
s118	05/06/2023	the electric display screen at the Bucknigham bus stand is broken. Please urge the contractors to resolve this issuee as quick as posible.	Bus Stand High Street	Y	Bucks Council	Contacted Passanger Tranport and the issue is with Balfour Beatey to resolve	replied to sender
s119	06/06/2023	hedges/shrubs overgrown	Fishers field	y	Bucks council	Reported to Fix My Street as Legacy AVDC hedges	explained to caller
s120	08/06/2023	Grass cutting on swallow close	badgers estate	y	BTC	cutting of grass verges	Replied and asked the greenspaces team to strim the area
s121	08/06/2023	We have just visited our sons grave in Buckingham road cemetery, and we have to say how appalled we are by the condition it is in. The grass is all overgrown, we understand that people cannot attend their families graves as often as we do,but surely the council should be maintaining the grass areas.	Brackley Rd Cemetry	Y	BTC	Green spaces to check and arrange cut if required. Send reply.	Replied to sender.
s122	12/06/2023	Sorry if not the correct place ,but tried to find who is responsible for grass cutting on Westfields Buckingham. Awhile ago someone cut the verges (very small bit) but both larger bits were left. Now the green is about 18"/ 24" tall grass , small area has been cut by home owners..	Westfields	Y	Farihive	Reported to the Estates Team at fairhive	Emailed resident back and passed on Fairhives contact details

s123	12/06/2023	Just a quick thank you! To whomever in your team was responsible for the mowing. It was a lovely surprise, and joy, as I drove past this morning to see some absolutely huge bee orchids thriving LOCATION REDACTED having been so carefully avoided like the birds foot trefoil with the cutting. It's a simple thing, but truly shows care and attention which is often so lacking!	Redacted	N	BTC	Forwarded compliment to the team	Replied to sender and discussed further
s124	14/06/2023	A number of steps leading from Hubbard Close to Hilltop Avenue, Buckingham have been in a really unkempt manner for many years. I have lived in Hubbard Close for over 10 years and there has been no upkeep to them or surrounding areas of weed growth as far back as I can remember. Can someone come and clear this problem up as it is becoming dangerous for people using the steps in addition to it being an eyesore.	Hubbards Close Page Hill	Y	Bucks Council	Forwarded concern to Streetscene	Replied to the resident explaining it would be investigated by streetscene in 10 working days
s125	26/06/2023	The strimming of this area was carried out yesterday, 15th June by operatives working on behalf of the Council. They have caused damage to the hedge line by the use of their trimmers so close as to strip bark and branches from the hedge plants. As the property owner I am now seeking remedy for this damage to my property. This hedge line forms an important privacy and security screen to my property and if it is now damaged to cause it to fail there is additional consequential loss suffered.	Busby close Page Hill	Y	BTC under devolved services	forwarded to green spaces Team to note	replied and noted
s126	26/06/2023	Not mown the grass bank behind Meadway	Meadway	Y	BTC	forwarded to greensapce Team to note	
s127	30/06/2023	The nettles on the lane between Treefields and Mallard Drive have grown so much that it is almost impossible to pass anyone without being stung. Is it possible that this could be put on the schedule of works? Thanks	treefields	y	devolved	Passed on to team to carry out	
s128	04/07/2023	We have had a report from a member of the public concerned about some pollution that is coming from what appears to be a storm drain out-let that leads into the stream that runs through the area of land owned by Bucks council between Great Slade and the A421. I have attached the photo and the What3words location is at https://w3w.co/flirts.dives.passion The member of the public believes it is sewage but it is hard to tell from the image.	Industrial Estates	Y	Bucks Council	Emailed the parks department to locate appropriate department to investigate	Issue adopted by Bucks Council - Caller updated
s129	10/07/2023	Hi Lee, a friend of mine who lives in Paynes Court has expressed concern about the 4 planters near the bus station. She says they are looking dead through lack of water, although she and another resident have watered occasionally. Can you confirm who is responsible for this? I realise that the weather has been exceptionally hot and dry. I have been away and haven't had a chance to check myself yet, but I hope to later today. I did notice that the planters in the bullring looked good yesterday though.	Bus stop in TC		BTC	investigate and water	planters in shade and always look poor
s130	10/07/2023	Path in Heatlands from Morehen way in bad condition and unsafe to walk on	Heartlands		Bucks Council - parks	took photos and reported to parks	
s131	19/07/2023	Tree down over path between scenic walk to Berties walk	Berties Walk		Bucks Council	sent report to officer at Bucks Council	

s132	19/7/20203	<p>I live on Mount Pleasant. On Embleton way is a huge green open space which is a great area for children and families to play situated next to the Scout Hut, a play area would really enhance this.</p> <p>The nearest park for residents is Chandos park which is quite a distance to travel especially with young children and if you don't have a car, it's not somewhere I would allow my children to go on their own as it's so far.</p> <p>It seems all estates around Buckingham particularly the new ones all have play areas in some instances multiple play areas, I feel like residents on mount pleasant are missing out.</p>	Embleton way	Yes	BTC	Emailed S106 regarding contributions	Contacted Bucks and insufficient amount to provide any play facilities at Embleton way. Replied to resident with explanation.
s133		<p>I would like to raise a complaint that the woods behind the car park of western avenue and to the side of Summerhouse Hill apartments is unsightly and a mess. No one has been to cut down all the dead flowers or clear branches that have either fallen down in the winds or kids have broken off. The pathways are no longer defined and kids have decided to turn it into a bike park making ramps out of dirt. My dogs have almost been hurt on several occasions as they are reckless and go down at speed. It is bad enough that people from all parts of town come there to smoke and deal drugs now I have to contend with disrespectful children who don't give a damn. Please I beg you to come and clear it up and flatten the ramps and perhaps put up some signage to say it's a walkers wood not a bike park.</p>		Yes	Bucks	Emailed via Fix my street	
s134	27/05/2023 but received 28/7/23	<p>Whilst the grass was being cut outside our house the fibre optic cable for internet to our property was damaged by the contractors. I made a complaint to Buckinghamshire council and they have said that the area is devolved to Buckingham Town Council. Please confirm if this is the case</p>	Grass area outside 14 Gifford Place, MK18 1XA	Yes	Bucks	Sent a picture of the areas that are Bucks responsibility which includes outside this property. Also apologised for the late response to the initial complaint.	
s135	16/08/2023	lots of graffitti around Bourton Park	Bourton Park		BTC and others	Already cleaned off most. GST to clear the remainder asap. Already reported to police.	

s136	17/07/2023	<p>As the parent of a disabled child- full time wheelchair user I was excited and a little shocked to hear and be asked to contribute to the inclusive ideas when renovating the park. Earlier this year. - was an online form. As there is nothing in walking distance we can access. - even when navigating the woeful lack of dropped kerbs on badgers' estate.</p> <p>With it being a strike day today we decided to visit. Hopeful of some fun stuff for my child.</p> <p>The park is jam packed to the rafters with activity units and all manner of fun equipment. None is wheelchair accessible not one thing. There are 3/4 swings- have to tried transferring a 6-7 year old child into a swing with no straps?! Pointless unsafe. Two spinning Roundabout type equipment pieces. Again, no accessible roundabout. There's only one on Buckingham that you can't get parked close to so we can't visit. The park is so full of things that even a more sensory able-bodied child would become overwhelmed. One thing my child could use apart from opening the gate -woo hoo fun was a spinning rain maker toy that if I'm honest isn't really accessible as has no handle and you can't get a wheelchair close enough to use it properly.</p> <p>Several other things like a Wendy house saying keep out- can't even get in if we wanted to and a how tall are you height chart. Who designed this it's atrocious to be called inclusive. There's a little bit of braille on the welcome sign none anywhere else. Picnic benches that I don't think are wheelchair accessible.</p> <p>I'm really cross and the blatant money wasting on this park. Any parent with a wheelchair child would find this a kick in the teeth.</p> <p>Newport recently installed an inclusive park. With actual pieces that can be used swing roundabout trampoline. Just wish we had access to one locally.</p>	Bourton Park	Yes	BTC	<p>Replied directly to the resident with explanation the vision was to create a new play area where inclusivity and imagination were key and a contractor was chosen to design an imaginative nature-based play scheme designed to allow much better access to and around the site, that was inclusive as possible.</p>	<p>29/8/2023 Resident replied to Greg Smith (not BTC) "Just quoting that they'd consulted a company about play equipment. Great. It is not accessible. Please find the link to the scope campaign on accessible parks and fill out the questionnaire with this park in mind. It will highlight what accessibility actually means." The office replied to Greg Smith's office thanking the resident for the comments and link to the Scope campaign. The information, coupled with the original feedback, was considered and will help inform our future park renovations.</p>
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