

Judges Report on Parks, Woodland, Cemeteries and Public Houses

PARKS

Pages Park

Achievements

Refurbishment of Pavilion
Dog and Litterbins
Community involvement in Sensory Garden
Good Signage
Cricket Pitch, Croquet Lawn in constant use
Outdoor Gym

Improvements

More litter bins.

Tiddenfoot Waterside Park

This park is used by dog walkers, fishermen, runners and cyclists.
Signs of badgers, foxes and other wildlife can be found
Bird boxes for Sand Martins although not used by them this year but a Kingfisher found them useful
There was good use of hedge laying
Foragers Way an ancient pathway still has fruit trees growing in along the pathway
The Acid grass area is now recovering after the removal of pine trees. In places fencing has been erected to stop people walking through the area until it is fully recovered.

Improvements

Signage in the Bird Hide
More Dog Poo signs needed and more Dog Bins needed

Parsons Close Recreation Ground

This park has something for everyone.
For the children there is a Beach, Water Splash, Skatepark and designated play area.
Adults can enjoy the bandstand where music is played most week-ends, with Proms in the Park being a big feature.
The Park is used for carnivals and fairs
The flower beds alternate with Wild Flowers and Formal bedding.
The hanging baskets from the children's competitions are displayed along the pathway.
There is also a Wildflower area at the back of the park .
The park has a café and toilet facilities.
Dog and litter bins.

Mentmore Park and Memorial Garden

A very good designated wildlife area at the back of the park.
The Memorial Garden is used by very young children because it is very safe and the children cannot

wander off. The children love to dig and water this garden area.
There are several tennis courts including a mini court for very young children.
The bowling green is in use most week-ends.
There is a defibrillator on the outside of the pavilion.
The play area for older children has recently been refurbished.

Linslade Recreation Ground

There are information boards at the entrances and one entrance now has a new Archway .
Litter bins have been reduced down to two and electronically inform the Council when they are full.
There is an adult Gym in the park.
Dog bins around the park and at the entrances.
The young children's play area has been refurbished.
Benches have been placed around the park

Basal shoots around the base of the Lime trees

CEMETERIES

Old Linslade Cemertery

This cemetery is quite small but very well run.
All the hedging surrounding it was neat and tidy.
Water and watering cans have been supplied for attendees use.
A small grassed area with a paved surround and formal bed in the centre is being used for cremation ashes.

Some weeds in flower bed

Vandyke Road Cemetery

The entrance to this cemetery is well kept , the flower beds on either side of the roadway are in good order.
The cemetery is very neat and tidy.
Community Payback is used to help keep things neat and tidy.
A Columbarium/Mausoleum is now in use .
The paths and roads are in good order.
The specific needs of the people who attend graves are taken into consideration and therefore plastic flowers and other small discretions are overlooked.

LINSLADE WOOD

This wood is made up of two areas an ancient woodland and a newly planted woodland. The old wood is known as Bluebell wood for obvious reasons.
There are interpretation boards at the entrance.
The woodland is split into wardens and has a designated warden for each area, the wardens are all volunteers.
Bird and bat boxes are placed around the woodland.
The wood is used by dog walkers and runners.

Try and record bird species.

Get Schools more involved.

When having to cut trees down instead of always leaving them to rot get a charcoal burner to make some charcoal.

When looking at insect species try and record what has been seen.

PUBLIC HOUSES

The hare

All flowers and plants well maintained.

This Public House holds special days for Charities such as Help for Heroes.

The Stag

All flowers were very well maintained.

The flowers above the bay window were excellent

Remove unused baskets at rear of property.

The Bell

All plants well maintained. The Landlady plants all the hanging baskets, window boxes and pots herself. She is now trying to extend the garden area at the back and is planting shrubs and climbers.

The Ship

Herbs have been planted around the outside seating area. Flowers at the front are well maintained.

Dead plant in the Laurel Hedge.

Weeds in the hard standing