



# Bridgwater Town Council

## REPORT

<b>Report to:</b>	Amenities Committee
<b>Agenda Item:</b>	
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	
<b>Date of this Report:</b>	22 August 2024
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### Bridgwater Town Council Amenities Report

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## Recommendations

None.

### 1. Introduction

This report highlights the current activities and maintenance of the amenities teams and areas around Bridgwater.

### 2. Current Activities in Maintaining and Improving Local Amenities.

#### Parks and Open Spaces

All areas of the parks and open spaces are being consistently maintained. There have been a few incidents of graffiti on some of our play equipment, but these were promptly reported during our weekly inspections and have since been cleaned. Litter picking and bin emptying in the parks are on a regular schedule, so there are no issues in that regard.

#### Weed Control

The weed spraying operation in the town and surrounding wards has been completed. The weeds are in the process of dying off, and there are plans to remove the dead vegetation soon.

#### Cemeteries

The cemeteries are in good condition with regular maintenance being performed. Grass cutting has been efficiently managed, and there has been positive feedback from visitors.

#### Memorial Testing:

Once the newly hired administrative staff member completes their training, memorial testing will resume at both cemeteries.

#### Grounds Maintenance:

The grounds staff have been proactive in topping up graves and grass seeding to maintain the cemeteries' appearance.

### **Street Cleansing**

Cleansing staff are continuing to work diligently, focusing on the challenges posed by seagulls tearing apart waste bags in town. Additionally, they have managed multiple fly-tipping incidents, ensuring all have been collected and disposed of properly.

#### Town Improvements:

The road sweepers are making noticeable improvements to the town's cleanliness by adhering to their daily routes and addressing previously overlooked areas, such as Taunton Road where the pavements are getting swept and cleared of heavy build-up of detritus.

### **Vehicles**

#### New Fleet Additions:

Two electric Maxus cleansing vans have been delivered and have received their signwriting. They are now ready for use in collecting waste throughout the town.

#### Contingency Planning:

A third cage vehicle will be budgeted for the next financial year to assist with fly-tipping incidents and large waste collections.

## **3. Legal Considerations**

There are no legal considerations.

## **4. Financial and Risk Considerations**

There are no Financial and Risk considerations.

## **5. Equalities Considerations**

There are no Equalities considerations.

## **6. Climate Change and Sustainability Considerations**

There are no Climate Change and Sustainability considerations.

Report Sign-off.

Title	Name	Date
CEO/Town Clerk	David Mears	02.09.24
Director of Amenities	Scott Mason	22.08.24
Director of Community Services	Rob Semple	

Director of Finance and Corporate Services	Sally Jones	
Leader of Council		
Leader of the Opposition		
Committee Chair/Lead Councillor		
Lead Manager		

**End of report.**