

OPEN SPACES REPORT - APRIL MEETING

- We have intermittently sprayed dog poo left in the rec and monitored the area along Hall Road, Esplanade and path across the rec. This will be expanded to cover the green by the river where there seems to be an issue at the moment.
- The grounds maintenance contractor has started this year's schedule with the first complete urban cut. He has left the areas where daffodils etc are still flowering, but will catch up with these areas once the plants have died off.
- The footpaths are generally becoming overgrown. We have 'trimmed' the Tramway footpath as this is the most used. As there are only 4 cuts per year for these, we have to be careful when we ask for a major cut. It will probably be at the beginning of May.
- There are overgrown shrubs encroaching onto the footpath opposite the Medway pub. This has been reported to KCC.
- There has been an incident in the Rec where a young man has dug around 20 holes whilst using a metal detector. He was approached and asked to stop and became quite abusive. This has been reported to the Police – ref: DP-8077-24-4646-01.
- We did not manage to do a clean-up/boundary check on the Common, but will re-arrange when the weather is nicer.
- Security fencing was taken down around the PV play area. This was reported to Trenport who quickly took action to re-erect it.

Issues for discussion

- There are vehicles causing large ruts in the ground on the footpath near the Tramway. The contractor is having difficulty in keeping it maintained.
- The weld on basketball ring has broken and either needs repairing or replacing. The weld and footplate need replacing on the Air Walker.
- Meeting has been arranged with Matthew Scott, Police Commissioner to discuss the use of cameras around the parish i.e. No Entry and areas of ASB. This will be on Friday 19th April 10 am in the Village Hall.