

FOVG AGM 2023

Q & A

- The Old Magnesia Well and bollards are still adorned in the wrong colour green. **This has been reported.**
- The door panel has been kicked in – it needs prompt repair and re-paint **Temporary repair done, when the main repair is carried out it is likely that any repainting will be carried out to correct the colour.**
- Has the guttering been cleaned out recently? **Yes, RG is happy to do this.**
- The roof needs some re-pointing. **reported**
- Flagstones round still need re-pointing **Noted**
- Windows and protective covering need cleaning and re-painting. **RG feels that this work may cause more damage when carried out and may be better to leave.**
- Do the security lights work? **Yes**
- The Sensory Garden looks a disaster area – if its care is too difficult, then maybe it should be grassed over?? **Grass is not the answer for wet ground, we were going to get plants from the herbaceous beds but the alteration now postponed. Instead new plants are to be purchased at the end of the week.**
- The ‘Toilet Tree’ (Handkerchief) offends the eyes of some. Can’t we find a better place for the sign and for the sake of the diehards give what remains of the tree a decent send-off? **Reported, but it is unlikely that an alternative place will be found which is as effective for the sign. The tree specialist looks at all the trees regularly and deals with them as necessary.**
- The gates to the King Edward VII Memorial Entrance are rusting at the base and dead leaves have compacted where the gates and stone pillars are in close proximity resulting in accelerated deterioration to the gates. Clearing and re-painting is required. **Point noted**
- From the road-side there is an air of dereliction due to a residue of dead leaves round the curved walls either side of the gates. This is unsightly and may be responsible for the formation of moss on the walls. **Leaves have been cleared, and this will be put onto the regular maintenance to avoid build up in the autumn**
- Re-site the ugly litter bins at the main entrance. If as a matter of course time is taken to check litter levels then there is time to empty the bins. **The solar panel knows when the bin needs emptying and reports.** Attention should be given to the overall

appearance of the main entrance. It is cluttered and not easy on the eye. This is an important feature of arguably the town's most appealing site and as such deserves a tasteful approach. **We are continuing to place pressure about this issue. Currently the bins are working well, and HBC are more interested in getting the rubbish collection right. They claim that bins are essential in this area.**

- Trees next to the bandstand are already again overhanging the roof. This was the cause of considerable restoration work to the roof previously. Offending branches and boughs should be cut well back to minimise maintenance. The turf at both sides of the approach to the bandstand is constantly worn down to the soil. Could corresponding lines of paving flags be positioned to take the wear? **See handkerchief tree. Paving suggestion noted.**
- At the next opportunity could the electricity box on the King Edward VII Memorial grass be painted in a green/khaki colour? In black, it is unnecessarily obtrusive. **The Trustees feel that black is the correct colour**
- Is it intended that the roots to the recently removed **ivy** tree be removed. If not the tree will surely re-emerge. What is intended to be done with the large fallen tree trunk next to the Monkey Puzzle tree? **See handkerchief tree. I think you mean the holly.**