



Combined Progress Reports – November 2025

Projects covered: **Recreation Ground**
 Lengthsman
 Defibrillator
 Water Tower
 Coronation Copse and Orchard

Recreation Ground

- Annual inspection report advised that one of the posts on the double cradle swing was rotten and requires replacement within the next couple of months. Quote received from Kompan, the manufacturers, which was considered to be quite high just for supply of parts and delivery, without installation. As a result Cllr Bennett has contacted two trusted local playground maintenance companies asking them to quote for supply and install of 1 post, 4 post caps, and additionally 4 post caps for the bird's nest swing.
- The old picnic bench was identified being rotten and splintered in places – something which we were already aware of. Cllr Bennett had previously explored replacing the existing picnic bench with a new more inclusive picnic bench, which would allow wheelchair users to comfortably sit at the table with friends and family. Due to the amount of budget remaining for this year, some out-of-the-box thinking has taken place. A supplier of recycled plastic planks has been found and a quote requested for the supply of plastic planks to refurbish the seating and tabletop whilst using the existing metal base (which will also be painted and refurbished). The new tabletop will extend 30cm more than the current tabletop, thereby allowing space for a wheelchair. This will be at a significantly lower cost than the purchase and installation of new bench, and is in keeping with our greener goals.
- Play equipment is due to be treated with moss/algae remover in the next few weeks, weather permitting. The solution to be used is child-friendly and can simply be sprayed on and left. It is anticipated that this will be a twice-yearly job for the lengthsman.

Lengthsman

- Lengthsman continues to do a brilliant job, although he has his work cut out at the moment with the quantity of leaves falling over footpaths and drains etc. Moving forward, it might be worth considering asking for some volunteer assistance for the lengthsman during the autumn months.
- New hedge trimmer has been purchased to enable the trimming of the School Road hedge by the recreation ground to be dealt with outside of nesting season. This may also be useful in other locations throughout the village.
- The lengthsman's list is currently quite full, so things will be prioritized if necessary.

Defibrillator

- All pads have now been replaced and are not due for expiry until August 2028.
- Some confusion regarding our annual support package, so clarification of the situation being sought.

Water tower

- 75% full

Coronation Copse and Orchard

- Maintenance and mulching planned for the morning of Saturday 8th November, when it is hoped our volunteers will be joined by residents to carry out any required tasks. It will also be a good opportunity for our resident tree experts to assess how both sets of trees have fared over the last year, and in particular the extremely long, dry summer.