

Manor Royal /CBC Partnership - Progress Report for April 2017

Planned v's Actual

	Proposed April 2017	Actual
Litter Pick	X4	Basic litter picking completed once a week (x4) even though there were 2 bank holiday days. Additional litter picks (x2) in the hot spot area in Zone 5.
Litter Bin Empty	X4	X8 doubled the bin emptying as we found the bins required a more frequent emptying regime – generally bins are being emptied on a Friday and a Monday. If needed we litter pick around the bins too which is also additional.
Mechanical Road Sweep	X1	X1 every road in the district has, where accessible, been mechanically swept
Detritus/leaf removal	X1	Opposite the Vauxhall garage on Fleming Way, old leaves and detritus plus the bus stops in Manor Royal
Pavement washing common/high footfall areas and street furniture (Bins etc)	Zone 5	Due to other additional works on bin emptying and grass cutting this work has not yet been completed in Zone 5.
Grass Cutting	X1-2 ^a	X3 grass cuts, the grass is growing fast with perfect weather conditions. In addition we have box mowed the gateways on Manor Royal, VW roundabout, and Fleming Way x3.
Roundabout 'box' grass cutting	X1-2 ^a	Rabbit roundabout box mowed x2
Hedge cutting	-	-
Shrub Maintenance	X1	Due to other additional works on bin emptying and grass cutting this work has not been completed.
Weed spraying	X1	Completed in full
Sign inspection, cleaning and maintenance	-	-
Street furniture inspection (routinely)		The team have undertaken a visual inspection as they are working in the areas. It has been identified that some bins will need to be replaced – this work will take place as soon as we can schedule the works.
The Terrace Pocket Park Maintenance	TBA	-
Crawter's Brook People's Park Maintenance	TBA	Additional litter picks (X2) in the park as per above
Gateway 3 (roundabout) maintenance	TBA	-
Blitz Work – <i>as per Green Audit recommendations</i> Grass Encroachment Overgrown Vegetation Moss and weed removal in footpaths	Zone 5	Added a trial bin located in Rutherford way opposite the burger van to accommodate fast food waste. Rutherford has been notorious for litter and remains on a hot spot list for the weekend cleaning teams too.

FLEMING WAY – Vegetation Removal

Observed pedestrians struggling to manoeuvre around the brambles and overgrown vegetation, and this area is on a high profile road therefore this work was prioritised.

This work was completed at the end of March 2017

The work took half a day for 2 people.

The vegetation waste amounted to half a tonne plus three bags of non-organic litter

The area of shrubs renovated was approx. 20 square metres



BEFORE



DURING



AFTER

LITTER EXPERIMENTATION AND HIGH PROFILE BUS STOP IMPROVEMENTS

Bus stops are areas where commuters and visitors congregate in numbers and spend time observing the local area. A programme improving the overall look and feel of bus stops and high footfall areas will help people experience first-hand the improvements to the environment.



Bus stop and footpath on Manor Royal

MANOR ROYAL

Outside Thales on Manor Royal - Cigarette butts being left on the floor and lots of litter left in the bus stop. Additional closed top bin with integral ash tray was installed. Davey has observed good use of this bin by smokers and a significant reduction of cigarette butts on the floor which take a long time to remove.

Existing open top bins in Manor Royal are being abused. Davey has observed household waste, stale/out of date food, bags of grass cuttings and various electrical items appearing in the same bins on a regular basis...every week! We plan to replace these bins with closed top, integral ash tray design bins which we hope will improve the situation.

TINSLEY LANE

A new bin has been installed opposite Royston Close. The detritus, leaves moss and weeds removed from around the bus stop and railings. The area has been thoroughly weed sprayed.

MAXWELL WAY

Bin being emptied twice a week by the burger van, noticed area kept tidy by the burger van owner. A bag a week is being picked from around this area generally.

FLEMING WAY

There was a lot of litter in bus stops and across the whole public environment. There was a cigarette butt problem at every bus stop. So we undertook an experiment where first we litter picked on foot and got 5 bags of litter which took 2 people 3 hrs to do. We installed 5 new bins and recorded the difference that these may make and on average we are now collecting 2 bags for 2 people and 1.5 hrs. Due to information we found out through this monitoring we are confident that bin emptying on a Monday and Friday keeps bins at an acceptable level.

RUTHERFORD WAY

This area is being litter picked twice a week as a hot spot, each time we fill 5 bags. One additional bin has been installed as a trial to accommodate more fast food waste - litter on the floor has improved slightly, but we haven't yet reached any conclusions as investigations on-going. We have observed commercial waste bins that the food suppliers use on Rutherford Way, being open, and over full resulting in spillages and access for wildlife. Davey will keep this under review and chat to the businesses if this continues.

WHITTLE WAY

DFS packaging always strewn around this area – Communication required with this company to clean up after themselves.

KELVIN WAY, KELVIN LANE, FARADAY ROAD and NEWTON ROAD

Bins are required in this area as we are picking 4 bags a week.

COUNTY OAK

Need to add a bin by Pets at Home as there are large amounts of litter on the floor possible associated with the bus stop which is close by. Community Wardens are investigating out of hours litter that is occurring sometime during Tuesday evenings, will update when we know more.

LONDON ROAD

Installed an additional bin outside Jefferies Farm opposite Tesco Express. This appears to be a high footfall area with lots of litter and butts on the floor. This has improved the area and there is significantly less litter on the floor.

TOTAL LITTER DATA

During March we deep cleaned the district and collected 272 bags of litter mainly from the floor. During April we have collected approx. 74 bags from bins and 74 bags from the floor. At this early stage we can confirm that we are collecting less litter in total than in March and more rubbish is being collected from the bins. These quantities will be reviewed monthly to take into account seasonal variation and hopefully improvements in amount of litter on the floor.



REPORTS, INFORMATION AND FEEDBACK

- Davey reported a tree to WSCC on the 5th April 2017 on the roundabout at the end of Fleming Way opposite VW garage. The tree was potentially dangerous as it was split at the base. WSCC have since replied saying they have inspected and agree that the tree will need to be removed. Davey observed this whilst he was box mowing the roundabout.



- Davey spoke to the Civil Enforcement Officers. Davey has their direct contact details so he can send on any problem cars/parking so they can action ASAP. This will hopefully improve any abandoned vehicles or vehicles parking adjacent to yellow lines on the grass verge. It is observed that WSCC have installed no parking signs which also enable the enforcement guys to be able to penalise.
- Trolleys are regularly being returned to Aldi and Marks and Spencers.
- A lady who was standing at the bus stop by the Holiday Inn on Fleming way spoke to Davey and said 'how nice its looking and thank you for putting in the new bin, it's great to be able to dispose of my cigarette safely'.
- An employee at Virgin Atlantic said she felt the area was looking lovely and she had noticed a difference from before.
- Colleagues at CBC have remarked on the difference in Manor Royal – one colleague from the Town Hall said the main stretches look like a show ground, another Town Hall colleague said how neat it looked and colleagues at Metcalf have congratulated the team for their improvements.
- A person on a push bike cycled past when Davey was cutting the grass and gave him the thumbs up and said 'nice job'
- CBC facilitated Doosan Babcock at a team volunteering day at West Green Park. Some employees fed back that the bins have been restored and put in appropriate positions resulting in less litter, the footpaths on Gatwick Road have been cleared and are easier to walk or run down and the grass looks nice and shorter.

Planned activities for May

- Continue with blitz/improvement work in Zone 5 –
 - Clear dead weeds where we have sprayed
 - Clear overgrown vegetation in Rutherford Way
 - Weeds and Detritus removal from pavements at the front of the parade on Rutherford
 - Install additional bin at the rear of the Italian Pizza place
 - Edge pavements and use discarded grass to repair any verge overruns nearby.

- Attend the 'Meet Your Neighbour' event on the 16th May

- Attend the press launch

- Work as per planned maintenance programme plus
 - A maintenance visit to the Shrub Beds that we were unable to achieve in April.
 - Clearing the weeds on the central reservation outside Thales
 - Additional weed killing in specific areas of need

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