

Report of:	To:	Date	Item No.
Cllr David Henderson, Street Scene, Parks and Open Spaces Portfolio Holder	Council	18 January 2018	8(c)

<p>Executive Report: Street Scene, Parks and Open Spaces Portfolio Holder</p>
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1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To inform Council of progress on key objectives and the current position on issues within the Street Scene, Parks and Open Spaces Portfolio, as set out below.

2. Waste and recycling

- 2.1 The Green waste subscription service for year three will be launched in January, with households receiving direct notification of the sign up methods available.

3. Public conveniences

- 3.1 Once again the authorities' public toilets have achieved recognition in the annual Loo of the Year Awards held in early December. In conjunction with our partners Danfo we have retained our status as fourth in the country in the Premier league of public facilities and have a place in the Champions League, which recognizes where facilities are maintained to a consistently high standard. To have twenty facilities that have reached gold or platinum standards is a remarkable achievement.

4. Parks and open spaces

- 4.1 Memorial Park held a series of successful activities in the lead up to Christmas including a Santa's grotto, Christmas market and wreath making workshops.
- 4.2 Hawthorne Park will host its big garden birdwatch on 28 January which is part of the national RSPB birdwatch event.
- 4.3 I am pleased to announce that the Friends of Jean Stansfield, Vicarage Park made it through to the final stage of the AVIVA Community Fund bidding process and they are hoping to receive £25,000 towards additional play facilities. The results are to be announced in early April and the project achieved 26,628 public votes.

- 4.4** Towards the end of December we received the news that the Lancashire Environmental Fund approved a grant of £30,000 as a contribution towards plans to transform King George's Playing Field in Thornton. Work to construct the first phase of a play, fitness and habitat trail is now scheduled to commence this spring.
- 4.5** On the 20 November members of the Mount project team and myself joined BBC Radio Lancashire's Sally Naden and Brett Davison to promote the restoration project and the 'Night Sky Adventure' planned for the 19 January at Rossall School Planetarium. This will introduce people to how the sky is used for navigation and the Mount's contribution to meteorology.

5. Comments and questions

- 5.1** In accordance with procedure rule 11.3 any member of council will be able to ask me a question or make a comment on the contents of my report or on any issue, which falls within my area of responsibility. I will respond to any such questions or comments in accordance with procedure rule 11.5.

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