



Report of:	To:	Date
Councillor Simon Bridge, Street Scene, Parks and Open Spaces Portfolio Holder	Council	27 January 2022

Executive Report: Street Scene, Parks and Open Spaces Portfolio Holder

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. Parks and open spaces

- 2.1** This winter the staff and volunteers have been within our woodland sites undertaking woodland management works including coppicing trees and shrubs to encourage new growth. The arising's from this work can be used to create wildlife habitat piles and making brash bundles to support the work of the River Wyre Trust to help slow the flow by creating "leaky dams" along the upper stretches of the river catchment.
- 2.2** The team with support from local school children have also planted 3,000 trees sourced from the Woodland Trust to create a native hedgerow mix around the Wyre Civic Centre playing fields. This acts as a carbon sink and will also provide improved wildlife habitat.
- 2.3** Activities within our parks and open space areas have included woodland conservation days and beach cleans at Fleetwood, Cleveleys, Rossall Beach, Rossall Point and Knott End. In addition we held three workshops with attendees making wreaths at Memorial Park. We received some great feedback where participants commented that they felt relaxed and had time to switch off from their daily lives.
- 2.4** The annual Wyre and Myerscough Hedgelaying competition took place in November at Wyre Estuary Country Park. Visitors were able to see a demonstration of highly skilled craftsmen and women helping to sustain hedgerows by "laying them" to encourage new growth and using the "pleachers" to be woven into a thick hedge which is great for wildlife and

good for carbon sequestration as well as providing a traditional boundary to the park.

3. Waste and recycling

- 3.1** Waste and Recycling collections continued throughout the festive period with no disruption to normal collection days. Collection calendars were delivered to all properties prior to Christmas, as before, the calendars also contained useful guidance regarding what can be placed in each bin.

4. Street Scene

Dog Kennelling Contract

- 4.1** I can advise members that the Stray Dog Kennelling Contract has been awarded to Poulton Pets (formerly Sundown Kennels) for an initial period of two years, with the option to extend for a further two years.

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.