

Report of:	To:	Date
Councillor Simon Bridge, Street Scene, Parks and Open Spaces Portfolio Holder	Council	14 November 2019

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** As part of the restoration of the Mount, work has commenced on the Lodge and Pavilion and to the east of the Lodge, groundworks for the installation of the new play area are well underway. Myself and Rosslee Construction took part in a Radio Lancashire interview from the site on 15 October to promote the project and discuss current work.
- 2.2** Installation of a walker, a cycle trainer and a slalom machine at King George V Playing Field in Fleetwood was completed in October. This was one of six 'open spaces' projects delivered through the Healthier Fleetwood partnership to offer another opportunity for health and fitness in the community with funding from the Walney Extension Community Fund.
- 2.3** The design of new play facilities at Jubilee Gardens are progressing well. Initial concepts were discussed with the Friends Group in October and these included some ideas from students on the new BSc (Hons) Landscape Architecture course at Myerscough College.

3. Waste and recycling

- 3.1** The new operating hours of Lancashire County Council's recycling centres came in to force on 1 November. Centre opening hours will now be 9am – 5pm all year round. The opening days of some centres have also been changed, although this has not affected Jameson Road, Fleetwood or the Community Recycling and Reuse Centre at Catterall.

4. Street Scene

- 4.1** Wyre held its first Pumpkin Rescue Roadshows during half term to showcase the potential food delicacies you can make from pumpkins. The events were a great success and gathered wider publicity hopefully encouraging people to consider what they do with the flesh from their pumpkins and consider further Love Food Hate Waste ideas.

5. North West in Bloom Awards

- 5.1** The North West In Bloom Awards were held on 31 October and 1 November 2019 and I am very pleased to advise members that once again Wyre was extremely successful with 30 Awards in the Neighbourhood category, Gold awards for Jean Stansfield Memorial Park, Poulton and Kepple Lane Park, Garstang and a Silver Gilt for Euston Gardens, Fleetwood. Kepple Lane Park also received a National Certificate of Distinction.
- 5.2** In addition our Wyre in Bloom groups achieved Gold at Churchtown (best newcomer), Catterall, Fleetwood (including the Heritage Award), Great Eccleston, Garstang, Preesall, St Michael's and Thornton. Silver Gilt medals were also awarded to Cleveleys, Inskip (including Highly Commended for the Common), Hambleton and Pilling (most improved entry).
- 5.3** A special mention must also be made to the teams at Catterall and Garstang who were both winners in the National Britain in Bloom Awards in the large village and small town categories respectively. I would personally like to thank our fantastic volunteers and officers who make the judge's visit such a huge success and these awards are truly well deserved.

6. Comments and questions

- 6.1** 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.