

Agenda Item: I I

Report to: **Amenities Committee**

Date: **2nd September 2026**

Subject: **Town Rangers Operational Report**

Summary: The Committee is asked to note the report on the Town Rangers.

Rangers planned works rotational and continuing taskings:

Bus shelter cleaning and renovation 46 shelters.

Allotment grounds maintenance

Town Planters cultivation

Toilet repairs, toilet maintenance, internal painting and aesthetics.

Area cleaning and litter picking

Road sign painting and renewal

Grass cutting and grounds maintenance.

Notice board maintenance.

Regular site visits to all the play areas (subject to asset transfer) in order to identify and familiarise themselves with the eventual, impending inspections that WILL form a large part of their daily duties and in time 7 days per week potentially, under the RoSPA required safety and quality doctorate.

Brief Summary of some other tasks and commitments undertaken.

The team have been very busy, and the relatively warm spring and hot summer have enabled a lot of planned works to be completed which may otherwise have been hampered by the weather.

They have been actively responding to tasks as they been reported by members of the public via email or personal visits to the office Hub, or by personal request to the Operations department from members of Bexhill on Sea Town Councillors. These are prioritised by the Operations Department.

The Tasks undertaken to date:

Working with community groups. Including the Bexhill Museum for the total refurbishment of the Smugglers Notice Boards around the town.

A total overhaul of the planters including new soil, plants and coverings, which the Council took responsibility for from Rother District Council back in the Spring 2026.

Refurbishment of the public crossing area at King Offa, identified by Cllrs Husein and Wilson.

A full rolling road litter picking exercise again at Pear tree lane/ Turkey Road.

Hedge cutting and sign realignment outside Bexhill Academy.

Total renewal and painting of the fencing surrounding East Parade Toilet and grounds maintenance.

Grounds maintenance at Normans Bay toilets and hedge cutting on pathway leading to the toilets.

23 Bollards stripped and repainted, Ninfield Road, Sidley and adjacent side roads.

Following up requests for assistance from both County and the District councils for provision of manpower and general area maintenance, hedge cutting, path clearing.

Continued Strimming of the area at Lunsford Cross (as required).

This list is not exhaustive and certainly does not include other smaller tasks that come up during the working day /week.

Reporting of Issues by Town Councillors.

There is requirement for clarity to the method or indeed protocols in referring matters to the Operations Department for investigation or action.

The preferred method of reporting any incident or required action would be by email to operations@bexhilltowncouncil.gov.uk

Or indeed a personal visit to the Hub however, the latter may not result in personal communication as a lot of my time is spent out of office undertaking site visits etc.

Please be assured all emails will be answered with as much information and advice as is possible and available.

Of course, and as can be expected, some requests may fall outside of the Town Council's present remit of works or indeed would need further advice and clarification from the relevant County or District Council departments, in order to action or request assistance.

Depending on the nature of the work required and budget allocation, if it's a sufficient piece of work with detailed cost implications this will require a formal resolution of the Amenities Committee or Full Council.

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