

Report Purpose:

To update committee on progress and work associated with the street scene.

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8.1 Public Realm

The Macc on Foot is complete, and we await a formal agreement from CEC in order to take over the maintenance of the street furniture.

The Assistant Town Clerk is leading the process for seeking an artist to complete the mural. Originally the plan was to install it on lower Mill St/ Roe St corner. However, we are now taking the time to consider other locations before going ahead with any decision and proceeding with the legal fees associated with permissions.

8.2 Town Ranger

The ranger team have been attending Britain in Bloom meetings in preparation for the spring and summer work that will need to be carried out to support the entry into the competition.

The team have also been busy replacing boundary fencing at the Knowsley Road allotment site and commencing the site inspections with the Assistant Town Clerk.

The rangers have busy carrying out maintenance across the town. This includes street sign painting, weeding, cutting back of shrubs, scraping and tidying as well as graffiti removal.

The rangers attended the Town Council's 10th birthday party and used the opportunity to talk to lots of members of the public about the work they do. There was a lot of interest in the wildflower areas.

8.3 01625 Gallery

Please see report attached.

8.4 Museum on the Street

Cheshire East Council have funded this project through the Shared Prosperity Fund, and all evidence has been submitted and the final payment has been authorised.

The boards and lightboxes are ready to be installed, however we are waiting on highways for an installation date. We did hope that they could be installed at the same time as the Macc on Foot project but this was not possible. One board will go outside WH Smith where there is a fallen electricity box, I have asked Highways to quote for the removal of this eyesore to the High Street and hope this can be removed and the boards installed at the same time.

Audio of each board has been recorded and will be on the Town Council website. A number of local people were involved in the recording, making the project very special, so thank you to them for taking the time to get involved.

The website will also include a map and activity sheets for children to complete. On completion of the trail you can go to the Town Hall or Silk Museum for a prize.

A marketing plan is complete and ready to go once installation is complete.

The report monitoring report for CEC is attached.

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