

MARLOW TOWN COUNCIL

Court Garden, Pound Lane, Marlow, Bucks, SL7 2AG

TO:

TRUSTEES OF THE GOSSMORE TRUST

Town Mayor ~ Cllr R Scott

Deputy Mayor ~ Cllr J Towns

Councillors: T Avery, D Brown, R Cadman, C Funnell, C Heap, C Hoyle, N Marshall, N Mityaeva, C Stapley, R Wilson

A MEETING OF THE **GOSSMORE TRUST** WILL BE HELD AFTER THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING ON **TUESDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2021** at **7.45pm**, OR AT THE CLOSE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING PRECEDING THIS MEETING, AND YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO ATTEND.

Hilary Martin

Mrs Hilary Martin

16.09.21

A G E N D A

- GT01.21 Apologies for absence
- GT02.21 Declarations of Interest
- GT03.21 Gossmore Trust Report 2020-21
- GT04.21 Date and time of next meeting – to be agreed 2022

ANNUAL REPORT – 2020-21

The football pitches have been marked out, new goal posts have been installed and Marlow United Football club have returned to use the pitches for training and competitive football. The Environment Agency continue to complete remedial work on various shrubs bushes and trees. Following meetings with Buckinghamshire Council and the Environment Agency it is not anticipated that pergola field and all of the shrub planting and trees will be handed back to local authority control until 2023.

The ground continues to be well used by the public and continues to attract a wide age range of users and dog walkers in particular. Problems are experienced from time to time from dog walkers who do not clear up after their dogs despite the fact are several dog waste bins in the park. Litter is an ongoing problem and has been particularly challenging during lockdown, extensive litter picking continues to take place on a daily basis. At the request of a resident a dog bin has been moved to a location closer to the park away from the benches.

Maintenance work to the ground hedge boundaries has continued throughout the year by the Grounds Maintenance contractors and Community Payback. A rat problem required the engagement of a specialist contractor to resolve.

4 Front Security are engaged to manage anti-social behaviour overnight in the area and visit twice during the night every day of the year. Residents and the Police have responded positively to a marked reduction in disturbance as a result of the patrols.

Members are also reminded that when MTC were appointed as the responsible body to fund Gossmore Recreation Ground and MTC, acting as the sole trustee will file a zero-annual return to the Charity Commission.

FINANCIAL

Income for the year	
01.04.20 – 31.03.21	£ 950.00
Expenditure for the year 01.04.20 – 31.03.21	£1203.01