

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

COMMITTEE:	Town Hall, Assets and Services																																																																																																										
MEETING DATE AND TIME	9 th March 2023 7.00pm	LOCATION	Town Hall																																																																																																								
REPORT FROM	Streetscape Development Manager – Ruth Burgess																																																																																																										
AGENDA ITEM REPORT TITLE	14. Streetscape Services - Update																																																																																																										
Update	<p>Key Performance Indicator (KPI) Update:</p> <p><u>Fly Tipping</u></p> <p>We are now working the cost for each specific fly tip; please see below for the number of fly tips we have dealt with over the last months, plus the total year:</p> <table border="1"><thead><tr><th></th><th>2019</th><th>2020</th><th>2021</th><th>2022</th><th>2023</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>January</td><td>4</td><td>4</td><td>4</td><td>16</td><td>30</td></tr><tr><td>February</td><td>10</td><td>2</td><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>21</td></tr><tr><td>March</td><td>4</td><td>0</td><td>32</td><td>24</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>April</td><td>10</td><td>12</td><td>19</td><td>10</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>May</td><td>5</td><td>40</td><td>22</td><td>11</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>June</td><td>4</td><td>22</td><td>2</td><td>8</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>July</td><td>8</td><td>21</td><td>0</td><td>13</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>August</td><td>5</td><td>18</td><td>10</td><td>26</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>September</td><td>6</td><td>6</td><td>14</td><td>23</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>October</td><td>5</td><td>3</td><td>10</td><td>8</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>November</td><td>4</td><td>4</td><td>17</td><td>25</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>December</td><td>5</td><td>4</td><td>10</td><td>30</td><td></td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>70</td><td>136</td><td>150</td><td>205</td><td>51</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Total Cost</td><td>2324.16</td><td>5380.52</td><td>2481.45</td><td>£12,300.87</td><td>£ 4,377.78</td></tr></tbody></table> <p><u>Vehicle Usage</u></p> <p>Showing Mileage and Carbon Emissions See Appendix 1.</p> <p><u>Inclusive Play equipment – Congleton Park</u></p> <p>With thanks to Cathy and Congleton Partnership we have been successful in the completion of the funding and the new equipment is now fully installed and ready to use in Congleton Park, a grand opening organised by Cathy will be announced soon</p>						2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	January	4	4	4	16	30	February	10	2	10	11	21	March	4	0	32	24		April	10	12	19	10		May	5	40	22	11		June	4	22	2	8		July	8	21	0	13		August	5	18	10	26		September	6	6	14	23		October	5	3	10	8		November	4	4	17	25		December	5	4	10	30								Total	70	136	150	205	51							Total Cost	2324.16	5380.52	2481.45	£12,300.87	£ 4,377.78
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St Peter's Church Closed Churchyard

The Chief Officer and Streetscape Development Manager have met with the Church Warden who has been tasked with ongoing maintenance of St Peter's Church grounds. From the meeting we have agreed a slightly different maintenance schedule which works for both parties involved. The Church will be seeking further guidance on a new contract agreement with the Diocese of Chester.

However you will notice over the next month a large presence of the streetscape team carry out a lot of winter work and maintenance on the site, which will include hedge cutting where necessary, crown lifting of trees, bramble and weed clearance as well a lot of strimming.

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- Furthermore, there will be many environmental projects and schedule put in place to deliver a range of food growing and cooking initiatives to help with the current climate and financial crisis.
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Please see power point.

Private Works

The Streetscape team now have many contracts for Private works across the local area, Streetscape Services provides professional gardening and trade services including: garden maintenance, landscaping, hedge cutting, painting, restoration works and much more.

The team are a reliable team, which takes pride in what they do and what they achieve. This is shown through the many awards and compliments we have received. They also pride themselves on providing a high-quality job and excellent customer service.

All Our customers appreciate the attractive, clean and blossoming town we currently have and now we are spreading our services further into other communities. We are currently working with the following companies:

- Holmes Chapel PC
- Church Lawton PC
- Hassall PC
- Prestbury PC
- Somerford PC

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cranage PC • Astbury PC • Congleton Cricket Club • Congleton Football Club • Stocks Pavilion • Premier Estates <p><u>Staffing</u></p> <p>We currently have all members of streetscape staff in work</p>
Financial Considerations	None currently.
Environmental Considerations	Our KPIs are set to ensure that we are following the latest environmental concerns to see where we can improve and help sustain the environment for both the public and local wildlife.
Equality Considerations	
Decision Requested	To receive the update report.

Appendix 1

January 2023



Vehicle	Average mileage per day	Mileage this month	CO2 emissions (kg)	Estimated closing mileage
JY18 XXC, Ford Transit - Rob Simon	7.9	244.0 miles	119.0	15931.0 miles
YJ18 YBC, Ford Transit Andy	15.5	481.4 miles	234.5	28622.7 miles
YJ18 YFA, Ford Transit Chris	9.6	297.0 miles	144.7	34296.5 miles
YJ18 XWB, Ford Transit Dave and Jim	8.7	270.8 miles	131.9	14248.0 miles
YJ18 YCZ, Ford Transit Mick	8.2	254.5 miles	124.1	8497.8 miles
YJ18 XZV, Ford Transit Noel	20.9	649.2 miles	316.5	34455.6 miles
MA18 EEP, Peugeot Partner	10.9	338.8 miles	165.1	17177.8 miles



Monthly mileage for Congleton TC. Month ending 28 February 2023

28 days in the month, 20 week days

Vehicle	Mileage this month	CO2 emissions (kg)	Estimated closing mileage
JY18 XXC, Ford Transit - Rob Simon	160.0 miles	78.0	16091.4 miles
YJ18 YBC, Ford Transit Andy	0.0 miles	0.0	28622.7 miles
YJ18 YFA, Ford Transit Chris	0.8 miles	0.3	34297.1 miles
YJ18 XWB, Ford Transit Dave and Jim	184.5 miles	90.0	14431.9 miles
YJ18 YCZ, Ford Transit Mick	151.2 miles	73.7	8648.9 miles
YJ18 XZV, Ford Transit Noel	667.4 miles	325.4	35122.4 miles
MA18 EEP, Peugeot Partner	420.6 miles	205.0	17598.5 miles



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PROPOSAL FOR COMMUNITY ALLOTMENT



Primary goal

TRANSFORMING & IMPROVING THE ENVIRONMENT,
SUPPORTING WELLBEING & ENGAGING OUR COMMUNITY





PROPOSAL OVERVIEW

Congleton Community Allotment is a community project developed by Congleton Town Council in partnership with Congleton Community Partnership and Food and Friendship Group at Congleton Town Hall.

The aim is to provide opportunities for volunteers to take practical action to help the community and the local environment.





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The project has been assessed by both the Streetscape Grounds Maintenance Team who will be carrying our majority of the hard landscaping and the Food Friendship Group who will be supporting the project regarding the food and cooking initiatives.

All activities undertaken through the project will be risk assessed and covered by Congleton Town Council Public Liability and Employers Liability Insurance.

It is initially envisioned that this plan will help transform the site into a community Garden for families and will also provide opportunities for volunteers to gain experience and skills in a variety of environmental subjects including:

Gardening

Wildflower upkeep

Horticultural Therapy

Workshops in cooking and growing food

And much much more.....



Proposed Programme Schedule

YEAR 1



Initial works will involve extensive clearance of the site which Streetscape Services will undertake, primarily through their labour with support from local grounds contractors and Ansa Environmental Services at Cheshire East Council.

Practical work would include:

Site Clearance

- Removal of rubble and debris from site
- Clearing of ground cover growth on the south west corner of the green space
- Restoration of existing paths and entrances

Site Maintenance

- Extensive pruning of established trees
- Extensive pruning of hedges at entrances
- Connection of Water Supply (from Congleton Park)

Site Development

- Construction of raised beds for purpose of growing foods for all abilities
- Construction of allotment plots
- Construction of extra path ways
- Construction of parking area
- Look into signage
- Construction of portable small building for securing tools and equipment.
- Ensure site design is inclusive to families and volunteers with limited mobility

Proposed Programme Schedule

YEAR 2



During the second year we hope to be delivering a number of horticultural projects, these include:

- Delivering workshops to participants as they develop new skills and learn in a “hands on “ way about horticulture and managing projects about climate and nature.
- We would also work with local community Cafes and Restaurants on building up skills on how to create a variety of tasty and healthy meals using the food which has been grown at the community allotments.
- We have an award winning Café in the park “Stock at the Pavilion” who have offered to support in all areas, from growing and using the produce in their menus, to teaching cookery skills and providing recipes using the ingredients harvested.

Proposed Programme Schedule

YEAR 3



By year 3 we envisage the site to :

- Be fully developed as a community allotment and garden
- Become a known workshop facility for local residents, providing a wealth of opportunities for our residents not just training wise but also beneficial for the financial crisis and hard times which some families may have, this will help them to save money by growing their own food for the community to share and cook together.
- In addition we would seek to hold a number of community events and activities (e.g family/children events) which will involve the wider community of the Congleton area.

Overview – What we will do



The project will follow all good environmental practises including recycling all waste, growing produce and maintaining a safe and tidy space.

In addition to the practical work, we will undertake the following additional tasks :

- Preparation of risk assessments to cover work on site
- Identify client group and potential volunteers
- Engage with local community groups and other allotments groups
- Secure funding and grants for the project
- Design a programme of workshops for the community
- Publicise the project to raise awareness of the positive impacts of the project
- Establish a management team

Support from outside bodies



In order for us to achieve this programme / project we will require assistance from Cheshire East Council for the following :

- Approval to use the land available and to change its use from an open green space to a community allotment
- To advise on issues they may see with the project and land in question.
- To provide plans or services of the site to enable us to carry out the work in a safe environment
- To support and provide guidance on any budgets or grants which we would help towards the project, including S106 money, climate emergency funding pots etc.

SITE PLANS




Location: entrance at the side of Hillfields
Close, Congleton CW121NW



SITE PLANS



Image 3 shows current 15ft gate entrance to sit, There is currently 3 pedestrian access onto site as well. 

Access 1. Side of 19 and 21 Eardley Crescent 

Access 2. To left of 1 Eardley Crescent then onto the Park Wood path 

Access 3. Through the top of Congleton Park Town Woods 





Thank you



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