

**PARKS AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE****12 APRIL 2022****UPDATES AND INFORMATION****Filham Access Track Project**

The project to improve the Filham Access Track has slowed a little as the costs initially planned have increased as have the expert services needed to plan and deliver it. Further discussions are being held to bring the project in on cost, all funded by S106 payments, and we still have hope to complete in Autumn 2022.

**Filham Park Master Plan**

Tree planting has taken priority over the last couple of months as it is seasonal, however planning and delivery of phase 1 is still progressing to be completed by the summer. Tree planting in the main has now finished and so we should see much more progress in the coming months. It should be possible to plant the planned orchard in the near future though.

**Lease arrangements**

Lease discussions are continuing and renewal of the outstanding lease for pitches at Manstow should be completed soon. The outstanding issues surrounding trees have been resolved. The rent terms are being benchmarked against comparable pitches in other towns.

**Tree planting**

Tree planting has been taking place across Filham & Victoria Parks, MacAndrews Field and at St Peters Way as part of the Urban Tree Fund by SHDC. This is completely funded by them via a grant from the Forestry Commission and include aftercare. Planted were:

Filham Park: 9 alternating London plane, black poplar and large leaf lime following the carriage drive around the bend and an avenue of 6 wild cherries adjoining the future picnic area. Plus 5 alternating crab apples and rowans alongside our broadleaf whip planting by the defunct rugby posts.

At MacAndrews Field a further 12 trees, St Peter's Way 10 trees and Victoria Park 10 trees.



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