

Health and Safety Report – P&R Committee October 2023

Accidents and Near Misses

On Saturday 9 September 2023 in the early evening, a member of Watermark staff was installing one of the safety barriers located between the side wall and the seating in the Stowford Hall. They caught their upper leg on the chair arm resulting in bruising later on. No first aid was required and no sickness leave taken.

Action

The seat arms protrude partly into the operational area when putting out the barriers. It is not possible to alter the layout of the seating and barrier arrangement. Ensure sufficient time is allowed to set out the seating and barriers so the work can be carried out with caution.

Visits and Inspections

Loler Projector Inspection – Watermark
Automatic Doors Service – Watermark and Town Hall

Parks

Week commencing 22 September an oak tree in Victoria Park shed 2 large limbs, and had 3 hanging limbs. The Parks Officers taped off the area around the tree and tree surgeons attended and removed the hanging limbs.

On Friday 6 October the Parks Officer reported a hornet nest in the oak tree bordering the cricket pitch in Filham Park. Upon inspection by officers the hornets were identified as European hornets and no action was required other than installing signage making public aware, and also notifying the Cricket Club.

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