

Landscaping

Originally all our grass cutting, and verge maintenance was carried out by Milton Keynes council contractors, there were a number of complaints about some of the work and 4 years ago we had the opportunity to appoint our own contractors. We have combined with Castlethorpe on this and manage the work on their behalf.

The scheme has been very successful, we have been able to respond, very quickly to any reported problems. And I'm pleased to say that complaints have been minimal.

In addition we have been able to add new irrigation to the football pitch, helping to offset the previous muddy goal areas caused by Hanslope clay.

What isn't currently covered is any landscaping on the new estates, however it is hoped that in time, these will also be transferred into our management.

Village ponds

The village ponds were a good example of poor maintenance, we have two ponds, the main Horse pond and a smaller pond in Harkness Court,

We had undertaken a lot of clearance work but the mini drought of last summer came as a bit of a surprise. However it did offer the opportunity to reinforce the crumbling banks with new stone filled Gabions which normally would have required the draining of the pond.

And the best news of all, the Duck house is back.

Dog & litter bins

We also manage the installation and emptying of litter and dog bins throughout the village, we have recently doubled the number of both and there are now 36 bins in high traffic areas and we would hope that there is always one a few steps away.

As each extra bin costs about £1,000 to maintain over a 5 year period we would ask that if you cannot see one, then please take your litter home.

Allotments

Finally we have been investing in the allotments. Using both our funds and money from the new developments

To help meet demand we have been clearing 'difficult' plots, and splitting some of the larger plots when they have become available.

And we have grown from 75 families using the allotments to over 100

We have been able to upgrade the 4 site gates, keeping vehicles off the site in the wet season but allowing year round pedestrian access

It has also lead to the installation of a toilet and a Container storage unit enabling us to purchase and store heavy duty equipment for use by the allotment holders.

Open morning 1st April 10-12

