

**Okehampton Town Council
Parks Committee Meeting 3rd July 2023
Meeting Report**

Date:	26 th June 2023
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Parks Bookings –

To note the following events that have either taken place or are scheduled to take place in Simmons Park, subject to receipt of the necessary paperwork:

5 th – 13 th June	Anderton & Rowland Amusements
7 th July	OCRA – Multi Skills Festival
9 th July	Okehampton Celebrates in the Park
16 th July	Fairplace Church Picnic and Games afternoon
9 th August	Operation Dartmoor event (to be confirmed)
12 th August	Wren Music – Junk Music session
26 th August	Wren Music - Junk Music session
17 th August	Rotary Summer Fair

Litter Bins – To consider a request received through Cllr Leech from a member of the public for the provision of additional litter bins at each end of the old Primary School footpath.

Ongoing cost to the Council for the provision of litter bins:

General waste litter bins £2.40 +vat per bin

The annual cost for the emptying of each bin once per week is £124.80 +vat

Dog Waste – To consider correspondence from a member of the public in relation to dog waste

Hello there my Name [REDACTED] Okehampton just like to Complain of the horrid issue of dog poo in and around okehampton especially in the park and ball hill and granite way and around my house Glendale road and Foxes lair, it is happening so often and getting worse their seems to be more dog owners up my end and they are older people who can hardly walk let alone bend down to pick up mess, they have dogs on very long leads that walk behind them.

Down the park i see elderly walking ahead of their dogs in pairs talking not know what their dog is doing behind them whilst they are enjoying the park and having a good catch up, i have called to them and directed them to messes that they couldn't find its all a pretence i also notice people walking many dogs for a living so how can they see what 5 other dogs are doing when picking up another dogs mess?

i wish we could have a dog warden and that the dog license fee was re introduced, strong fines and short leads compulsory in built up areas and at the very least no one allowed to walk more than 2 dogs in the park especially if off the leads, there have been many examples posted on face book and wanted to bring this to your attention if it has,nt been before now.

Hedgehog Highway Project – To consider the purchase of Hedgehog Highway surrounds for giving to residents or selling to highlight the importance of hedgehogs and their declining numbers.



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Firstly, thank you for taking the time to read this letter!

I am writing to all Councils, Parishes, Towns and Wards in the UK to ask them to take part in this amazing project!

Hedgehogs R Us Highway Project

With Hedgehog numbers in decline and Hedgehog awareness on the rise, there has never been a better time to get involved in Hedgehog conservation.

A Hedgehog Highway is a 5 inch gap in a fence and is essential in the battle to prevent the extinction of our endangered spiky friends. This gap allows them access to forage for food and meet mates. A Highway surround raises awareness to their plight and encourages others to take part.

I am asking for each area of the UK to use a small portion of their assigned funds to purchase a box of hedgehog highway surrounds and make them available for their residents.

Each box of 50 is £150 and includes:

- * 50 Hedgehog Highway surrounds & 50 information leaflets
- * A display box & window sticker showing you are part of the project.

Ideas of how to benefit your community include:

- * Donate the Highways and leaflets to your local school to educate in wildlife conservation
- * Swap the Highways for a donation of Hedgehog food which can then be given to your local Hedgehog Rescue Centre



The project will be receiving a lot of publicity in the coming months via Social Media and I really hope that you choose to take part.

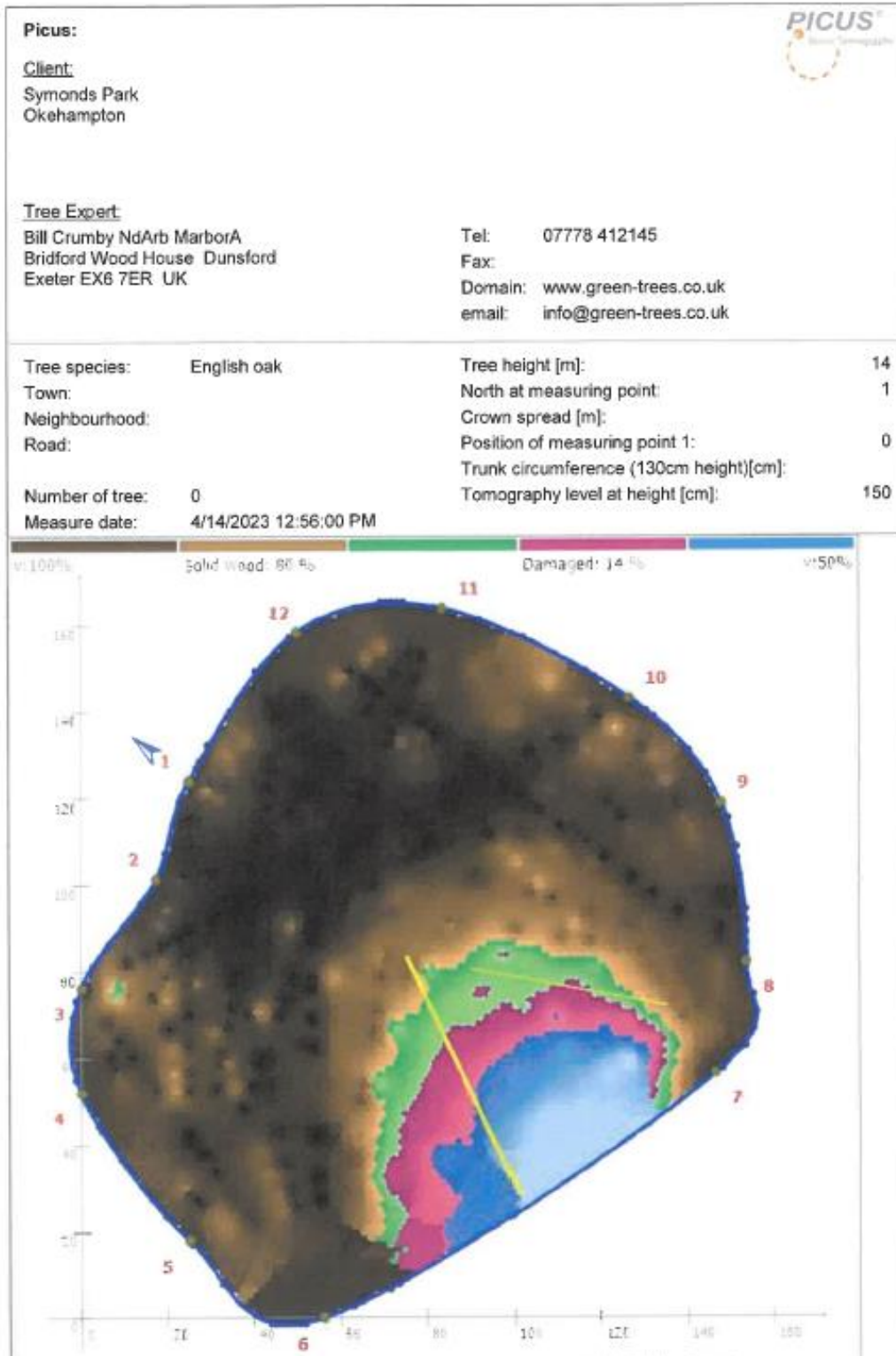
My dream is to make the whole of the UK one giant Hedgehog Highway and for that dream to come true, it needs EVERYONE to take part.

Money is donated to Hedgehog Conservation for every box sold too!

If you would like to order or have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch and thank you for caring.

Linda Cook, Founder of Hedgehogs R Us

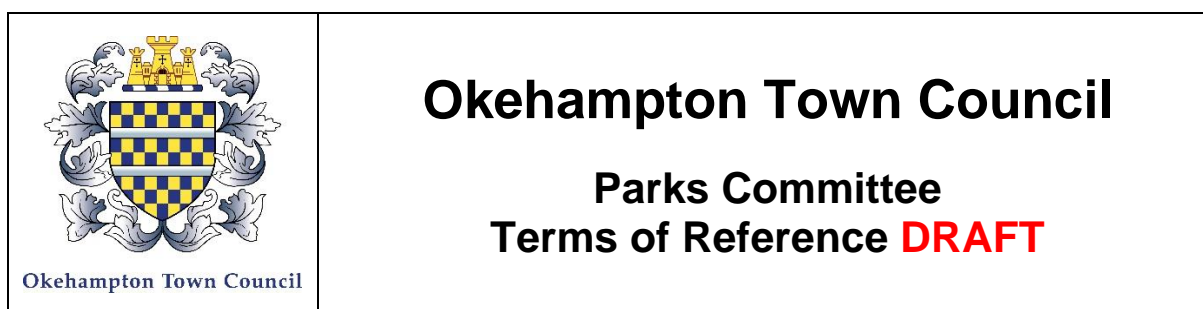
Picus Tree Inspection – To note that a specialist picus tree inspection of the Oak Tree on the boundary of the Bowling Club was undertaken in April 2023 and little deterioration of its condition was evident.



Cemetery – Burials - To note the summary of burials.

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (to date)
New Burials	10	7	3
Reopening's	4	4	0
Cremated Remains (within a grave)	0	1	0
Total	14	12	3

Committee Terms of Reference - To review and the Terms of Reference resolve to make recommendation to Full Council for adoption



Responsibilities

To carry out the Council's responsibilities for the following:

- i. The provision of grounds maintenance services for:
 - a. Simmons Park, Kempley Meadows, Platt's Meadow, Putting Green;
 - b. Simmons Park car park and approach road;
 - c. Skate Park/BMX Track; Clapps Wood, Fairplace, land behind Lidl, grass verge at West Bridge, and all land in the ownership/**responsibility** of Okehampton Town Council (except the footprint of the Town Hall, Charter Hall, Cinema, Lower Market Hall and Public Toilets at Fairplace **and in Market Street**)
 - d. Land owned by others including the raised flower bed and seating area in New Road, the Gateway Mural area at the junction of East Street and Crediton Road and the planted area off the roundabout in School Way
 - e. cemetery; and
 - f. bus shelters x 3, some wayside seats and bins

Budget

To have authority for spending within the allocated budget.

Fees

To determine and keep under review the fees and charges for the committee's services where statutory authority exists for the levying of such charges.

Payment of Expenses

To have authority to authorise cheque and BACS payments for all invoices and expenses