

the summer months where bonfires can easily get out of control. This has occurred on several occasions in recent years during the hot weather.

Launchpad

Launchpad, a Reading based homelessness prevention charity, has three plots at the site, which are tended by volunteers. This initiative continues to be a great success and is now delivering fresh produce to local foodbanks and charities. The Allotment Tenants Committee has supported the scheme from the outset and continues to work closely with the charity regarding the day to day management of the plots.

Roadways

Work on the roadways at the site was carried out over the August bank holiday. As in previous years a work party of tenants provided the labour to carry out the repairs. Road planing materials were sourced from Wokingham Borough Council at no cost. The Tenants Committee organises this work and also uses it as a social event with a barbeque to encourage tenants to take part and meet others at the site.

The roadway at the entrance to the site had been scraped back and levelled by the Grounds Team - using a digger to improve the potholed surface in this area.

Officers continue to meet regularly with representatives of the Tenants Committee and the administration and management of the site is working well.

Community Halls

The removal of asbestos from the roof space at Coronation Hall was carried out in August along with the installation of a new ceiling, refurbishment of the ladies toilets, decoration of the main hall and installation of new curtains. This work was funded from the Building and Facilities fund.

The old boiler and water tank in Coronation Hall has been replaced with a modern combi-boiler. This was funded from the 2019/20 Capital Programme.

New chairs have been purchased for use at both halls – to replace a number of old and damaged ones.

Recommendations

- ◆ **That Members note the contents of the report.**