

Sourton Parish Council 2023 Action Plan

Aims	Objectives	Actions	Powers	Completed
Cutting the village green and closed churchyard	New contractor starting in April 2023 on reduced number of cuts. Currently on a one-year contract	Monitor the grass in the churchyard and village green over the season Go out to tender in September Consider a longer contract period than one year.	Local Government Act 1972, s.215	New contractor started April 2023 Performance being monitored
Tree Planting	To plant more trees in the parish	Trees for Trescote Way Trees for verge near cycle hire Trees for lorry park	Open Spaces Act 1906, s.9, s.10	Trees planted in all areas
Bulb planting	To make the village more wildlife friendly as well as attractive	Purchase native bulbs and plant them on the village green	Open Spaces Act 1906, s.9, s.10	Planted at Christmas time
Sourton Lorry Park	To try and get the facilities and state of the lorry park improved	To keep communication with National Highways current as to be included in the planning stage including tree planting.	Highways Act 1980, s.96	
Bus shelter wildlife habitat	To repurpose the bus shelter as it is no use as a bus shelter	Assess the state of repair Purchase bird house Encourage wildlife to use it	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provision) Act 1953, s.4	New sign Informed parishioners Added twigs and leaves to make it insect friendly
Website	To complete and have live the new website	Clerk to complete uploading documents Website provider to change address from previous host New councillor email provided	Local Government Act 1972, s.142	Website live New email addresses issued
Coronation	To bring the parish together	Arrange a get together that appeals to the full range of parishioners.	Local Government Act 1972, S.145	Done
Grants	To find funding for green projects	To continue following the council's green agenda funding sources need to be found. Keep watching for announcements of new grants.	Local Government Act 1971, s.111	£175 received for bus stop verge project

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Winter maintenance of assets	To lengthen the life of assets	Assess conditions of noticeboards bus shelters and bin. Prioritise any repair works that need to be done Treat with wood preserver to lengthen the life span	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provision) Act 1953, s.4	
Base Magazine	To communicate better with the parish	Make a plan for the year about what message we would like to pass to the parishioners to make sure important meetings and events are not missed out.	Local Government Act 1971, s.142	
Elections	To promote the elections and new requirements for voters to parish.	Advertise the election process Encourage people to stand in the elections to make sure there are at least 7 candidates Inform the parish through Base and website about the requirements for photo ID at the polling station.	Local Government Act 1971, s.79	Elections Done
SW Water Trees	To protect the trees planted for the Queens Green Canopy.	Liaise with SWW the proposed route hopefully avoiding the trees Encourage planting of more trees in the parish to mitigate the works done and help with its carbon footprint.	Open Spaces Act 1906, s.9, s.10	Awaiting a start date Summer 24 seems likely
GPC	To qualify for General Power of Competence after May 2023	Clerk to complete CiLCA Councillors to be elected Add item to the first meeting of the new council	Localism Act 2011, s1 – 8	Done at May meeting
Quality Council Status	To consider whether to apply for quality council status	Sourton PC would need to register with SLCC Clerk would need to check that all requirements were in place Council to agree to apply.	Local Government Act 1971, s.111	

