

ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL

LEAD COUNCILLOR REPORT

NAME:	Erick Wilson
TOPIC:	Open Spaces
DATE:	4 th April 2024
	<p>Disused Railway Line: Large tree on right hand side approaching the Black Bridge in very poor condition, needs removing. Significant amount of dead branches, brambles and other vegetation in the ditches on either side. Trees have been pruned, but branches not removed. Thick canopy, ivy etc in many places, cutting out light from the path and any low growing flowers etc.</p> <p>Abbey Fields: Path through allotments to gate very muddy and degraded. Fallen oak by footbridge has been cut into large sections and cleared from the path. These will be left to decay, creating habitats for insects etc.</p> <p>Centenary Fields: The access point at the foot of Malt Mill Lane is problematical. Large amounts of mud and leaf mould have accumulated in the gutter, creating a very large puddle, inhibiting access, particularly for wheel chair users and prams/buggies, (Possible blocked drain?)</p> <p>Westbury Park: Trees and shrubs have been cut back from the path, but not removed. Very unsightly. Steps leading down from Greville Road are degraded and potentially dangerous.</p>

	<p>Weir Fields: Positivity Rocks continue to degrade. 263 rocks remain of which 240 have no discernible colour or pattern. We are trying to engage with the person who initiated this community effort and would be our access to creating new rocks. We have agreed that we will move any new installation to a safer location. Councillor Forman has provided photographs of the Redditch display case, which will inform our own design.</p> <p>Community Orchard: Several of the fruit trees are in poor condition. Dead or weak branches which would benefit from selective removal or pruning. The path which leads through the hedge towards the Jubilee Fields is degraded and very muddy. There is an adjoining stile, but this was overgrown with brambles etc. and unusable. I have cleared this and it is now usable, but we should ensure that it remains so.</p>
<p>FUTURE PLANS:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Progress Positivity Rock relocation. ● Consider how we might clear the dead/dying vegetation from the areas mentioned above

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consider how we might improve access to the Abbey Fields from the allotments• Make safe the steps leading into Westbury Park
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