

Grounds Maintenance Report.

Andrew O'Malley continues to be our main contractor undertaking grass cutting, strimming, edging and tree felling. The cutting season has been extended to the end of November and restarts in February, all subject to suitable weather and ground conditions.

There has been additional winter work of recutting grass edgings and cutting back the lane side hedge to improve the view for drivers turning out of Laigh Isle.

Increased use of the ride on mower has greatly improved the quality of the grass cutting.

Kevan Boyce maintains the communal beds from April to October. He is our go to man for any other groundworks.

A clearance of the rose bushes alongside the garden waste bay and laying gravel was done which improved access to the area. This clearance was extended into the scrubby area to encourage the growth of spring bulbs which have been crowded out for years. Hopefully they will multiply in their new space.

A field drain was installed just before Mr. Gillespie's bench to improve the boggy area by channeling water from the field through the drain and onto the shore.

A soakaway was dug in the communal land alongside number 16 to alleviate an issue with water pooling after heavy rain.

A 12' stretch of sea wall topping was repaired in the autumn as the concrete had eroded.

As Laigh Isle's contribution to a local initiative of encouraging pollinating insects by planting traditional tree varieties, 10 locally grown local varieties of apple trees were purchased and planted in the communal land at the rear of chalets 1, 2 and 3. It is recommended that any apples in the first two years are removed to concentrate nutrients into the root stock. We will endeavour to do this.

The roof on the company garage, the first one on the left as you enter Laigh Isle, was leaking and leading to the deterioration of the wall panels and floor so a new roof was installed, work done by Craig Ronnie.

BT's notification of the installation of superfast fibre broadband and how this will be achieved with the least impact on our site is ongoing. The web site is updated as things progress. We are asking for clarification of permissions as some ground works will need to be done on private areas. We need to clarify whether this can be given by the committee or whether this has to come from each owner. Any reinstatement is done to high standards, as was the road surface repair adjacent to the new electrics box installed alongside 15 and 16 a couple of years ago.

Roadway upkeep is an issue and it is requested that those with gravel driveways sweep the stones back onto their drives to prevent further erosion.