

**Outside Spaces and Estates Committee
Annual Parish Meeting Report
8th March 2023**

Outside Spaces

The outside spaces team is now being led by Matt Johnson. Matt joined Wells City Council in May 2022. Time has been spent, moving the team to new headquarters. Where they have more space, in preparations for the anticipated increase in work load from the local government reorganisation.

Climate Emergency

The city council voted to put climate emergency back on the agenda. It has a lead and deputy lead councillor. There is also a working group tackling the challenges that we face.

Cemetery

Maintenance work continues in the cemetery. There are a number of trees that may need to be felled in the coming few months.

Portway Annexe

Portway Annexe has been one of this year's big successes. It has become an essential community asset. It is hosting a vast range of classes and activities. It is also the central hub for Ukrainian refugees in Wells and the surrounding area.

Recreation Ground

Wells City Council is now the trustees for the Recreation Ground Trust. A management group has been setup to establish a direction and management of the grounds and the Bishops Barn.

Cllr Louis Agabani
28/02/2023