

GREEN SPACES UPDATE



Green Spaces team member, Rob Sealey, keeps us up to date with recent activities in our town's green spaces



The heavy snow that recently appeared on our doorsteps left our Green Spaces team very busy clearing and gritting priority routes in town council managed areas. While the town council is not responsible for filling

grit bins or gritting roads, the team aims to help where it can.

Horns Road New Cemetery

We have received six new wheelie bins from the district council. The bins will be used to separate the glass, plastic and organic materials generated in the cemetery situated at the end of Horns Road.



I was surprised to spot bulbs recently planted showing throughout the town's parks so early in the season, which in spite of the snow, is down to the mild winter we have experienced so far.

Work has started on refurbishing some of the memorial benches in the cemetery as they are in need of a fresh coat of paint. We are also refurbishing some more wooden benches for our parks.

Bisley Road Old Cemetery

Recently, a member of the public kindly donated a *Pinus patula* (Mexican yellow pine). After careful deliberation within the team we decided the old cemetery is the perfect place for such a specimen tree. With its extraordinarily long needles, it is very distinctive in appearance.



The tree was brought from Westonbirt arboretum, some ten years ago, at which time our gardener Tony Butler was a propagator grafting these trees from cuttings and growing them on, so there is a real chance that Tony may have propagated the *Pinus patula* himself.

See you all next time. Meanwhile, enjoy Stroud's Green Spaces.