

The following questions from members were received in relation to Item No 11 Quarterly Service Reports. Response to a further three questions will be published shortly.

Parks and Countryside – volunteers continue to thrive (1,585) but where exactly are they active doing their coppicing, right of way improvements and horticulture work etc? It would be good to know so we can praise them in a targeted way.

The work of our volunteers is across so many of our sites and is so integrated to the way the Rangers and Heritage Parks teams operate that it is impossible to describe exactly. Examples of recent sites include: Snaprails for a site tidy, Wildmoor Heath vegetation clearance, Englemere Pond reed cutting, Bill Hill and Frog Copse holly reduction. This represents a tiny percentage of the work completed.

Do we have a specific date yet for the start of Princess Square refurbishment and development of The Deck?

The start date is Summer 2019.

Green flag inspection took place in May, do we have the results yet? If not, when will they be available?

Results are due to be announced on 16th July this year.

How high a risk is our commercial property investment strategy and can more detail be provided so we can carefully monitor its progress?

The risk is considered by the Executive Commercial Property Committee and Cllr Heydon is the Chairman who can provide more detail.

Has the Berkshire Filming Office had any filming requests since 6th March launch?

Several per week and rising. Many are just investigating the options available at this stage, but some good conversations have already been held with major film producers.