

**TAVISTOCK TOWN COUNCIL
WORKS MANAGEMENT REPORT
February 2026**

1. Works Department

Property Maintenance

Some of the scheduled redecoration works in the Guildhall during January were postponed due to significant penetrating damp. Awaiting quotes re: lead work remedials.

Further issues around water ingress and dry rot within the Museum are requiring exploratory works. The Works Manager is currently awaiting a quotation in respect of repointing the tower externally. Refer to General Managers Report. The Tavistock Museum rear courtyard project commenced this month, with the Works Department undertaking all works in house.

Renovation works to one of the Council's rental properties in Duke Street will be undertaken in due course. Roofing works have been actioned to two of the Pannier Market perimeter shops and a further has been prepared regarding a change of tenancy.

Grounds Maintenance

The Town Council have been successful in regards to the Section 106 Grant which the Works Manager applied for in respect of replacement play equipment within the Meadows. The equipment to be replaced is the climbing net and pirate ship. The Works Manager will now progress the project and keep Councillors apprised of timelines. The removal of the old climbing net has already been completed.

The street light night survey was recently undertaken, all remedials apart from one on Abbey Walk have been completed.

Following the prolonged bad weather, there has been no significant storm damage to the Council's tree portfolio. That said planned safety works have been undertaken to the Scots Pine in the Meadows and further planned work is scheduled for trees in Meadows, and both cemeteries. Annual tree planting across the Council's estate will be undertaken by the depot over the coming weeks. The adverse weather has also caused significant flooding at the top of Middlemoor and Bannawell Park with response maintenance actioned accordingly.

Dog fouling and dogs off leads continues to be a significant problem in the Meadows to which the Council are receiving complaints.

Administration/town initiatives

There will be a primary school cross country run on Whitchurch Down in March.

All of the town Christmas lights have been removed, inspected and retested.

The findings from the Natural England Ecosystem Survey that was undertaken in the Meadows will be available in 2027. The Works Manager has requested a copy of the report.

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