

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

1. Works Department

Property Maintenance

Members of the Works Department have completed the build of a new roof on one of the Pannier Market perimeter shops as well as two new roofs on the outbuildings in the rear courtyard of the museum.

The external structural integrity inspection of the Council's streetlighting has been completed. Whilst the Works Manager is still awaiting the official report, two streetlights have been condemned and are due to be removed. Replacement lights will be commissioned.

Redecoration works to one of the ground floor commercial properties on Duke Street is scheduled to be undertaken by members of the Works Department week commencing 20th July.

Grounds Maintenance

The bi annual tree inspection tender has closed, with the contract being awarded to Devon Tree Services. The inspection which includes a separate Ash Dieback Survey is scheduled to be undertaken over the summer. With the inspection findings being reported to the Works Manager by the end of September.

Emergency tree work was undertaken in Meadows to remove a fallen tree from the river. Scheduled work to the weeping beech in Dolvin Road has been completed. The tree which is of significant interest unfortunately is in decline.

The first stage of the Meadows Enhancement project is complete, with the new multi play equipment now open for children to enjoy. The second phase of the project remains with the local planning authority and is undergoing consultation. Subject to planning approval it is anticipated the project will be delivered early September

The Works Manager is awaiting quotes in respect of one of the gates into the Meadows which requires a fabricator to repair and refurbish.

Despite installing new signage to clarify the position of the cycle path through the meadows, signage has repeatedly been torn down.

The annual scythe of the Green Burial Wild Flower Meadow is scheduled for Tuesday 28th July.

Despite the soaring temperatures, the Works Department have worked incredibly hard to manage the grass cutting schedule and other grounds maintenance tasks across the Council's parks and open spaces. The Works Manager would like to thank her team for working in such extreme conditions. Daily routines and typical schedules for this time of year have been amended to try provide more comfortable working conditions.

Administration

The Town Council are continuing to water the Tavistock BID hanging baskets twice a week due to the prolonged period of draught.

The Works Department will support the Tavistock Lions carnival once again this year loaning in the region of 230 cones for the street procession.

The Town Council have supported the Robey Trust annual Steam Fair once again this year by loaning them equipment for the day.

The Works Manager would like to express his sincere thanks and gratitude to a the Works Department Team Leader who recently resigned from the Council. The individual who was an incredibly hard working and dedicated member of the team was an asset to the Town Council and will be sorely missed. The Works Manager wishes him all the very best for his future endeavours.

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Works Manager