AGENDA ITEM No. 8iii

TAVISTOCK TOWN COUNCIL
WORKS MANAGEMENT REPORT
October 2026

1.Works Department

Since the last report, the Works Department have primarily been occupied with preparing for Goose Fair, as well as starting the hedge maintenance schedule, inspecting and clearing the Town Council's rainwater goods, and supporting emergency tree work.

Now we are past goose Fair, the team will concentrating efforts on the installation of the town Christmas lights and Trees of Light both of which are scheduled to be switched on at the end of November. In addition to this, the team will continue with the hedge maintenance schedule, as well as other projects which include redecoration of the entrance porch at the Drake Road Council offices, repairs to the water trough at the Pimple, and fence repairs.

The new climbing net as part of the Meadows S106 project will start early November.

The Works Manager will meet with the members of the Whitchurch Down Consultative Group early November for the annual walkabout of the Down.

Goose Fair has been deemed a resounding success following positive outcomes in terms of goal attainment, safety & compliance, environmental cleanup, visitor comfort and accessibility, as well as weather and contingency resilience. Many have remarked on the high spirits that was felt at this years event as well as the vibrant array of stallholders. The Works Manager is pleased to report there was a reported increase in visitor numbers using the park and ride service and would like to thank all stakeholders including staff for all of their hard work, for without the dedication of the extensive team involved in the event, Goose Fair could simply not happen.

The Works Department will support the Tavistock Tree Festival in St Eucstachius Church once again this year by transporting the trestle tables to and from the storage location.

The Works Department will support Tavistock Lions in November with the install of the Trees of Light.

The Town Council are supporting Tavistock BID once again this year in their annual Dickensian Evening, with the Works Department providing chapter 8 / road closure stewarding.

B Rowe
Works Manager