

**TAVISTOCK TOWN COUNCIL
WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT
April 2025**

1. Works Department

Unfortunately, due to recent events in The Meadows, the Works Manager has not had sufficient time to prepare the normal full written report.

Regarding the travelling community who recently pulled into The Meadows without consent and then relocated to Whitchurch Down, the Town Council are actively working with West Devon Borough Council and Devon and Cornwall Police to seek a positive resolution.

The Works Manager would like to draw Members attention to the significant criminal damage and waste that was left in The Meadows which includes human excrement. Criminal damage extends to at least three trees that were recently planted including that celebrating the Platinum Jubilee which was cut down.

The Works Manager would like to thank her team for the clean up and WDBC and the Police for their assistance.

Property Maintenance

Works to the Food Bank have started and include a new gravel path to the rear of the property and repairs to the rainwater goods. The Works Manager hopes the project which includes the installation of a rear gate and repairs to the kitchen floor will be completed by the end of April.

The two sets of glass doors in the Pannier Market that required attention have now been repaired and all doors are in fully functioning order.

Grounds Maintenance

The Town Council continue to experience significant issues with dogs off leads and dog fouling not being picked up by their owners in the Meadows.

Grass cutting season started at the start of March. Whilst the Town Council are not taking part in the annual campaign "No Mow May" this year, the works department are mowing around the wild flowers which are currently out. There has been a significant increase noted in Plymouth Road Cemetery of the English Primrose plant (*Primula vulgaris*) which is an excellent early nectar source for pollinators like brimstone and small tortoiseshell butterflies.