

BURNHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Recreation & Amenities Committee held on 27th January 2026 at 6:30pm in Burnham Park Hall.

Committee members present:

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| Cllr Paul Bunce (Chair) | Cllr Graham Mummery (Vice Chair) | Cllr Marie Hammon |
| Cllr Judith Foster | Cllr Terry Gamble (part of meeting) | Cllr Zoe Gardiner |
| Cllr Pat Bird | Cllr John Carey | Cllr Carol Linton |
| Cllr Jane Wallis (part of meeting) | | |

In attendance Cllr Jo Sommer

Officers of the Council: Adam Killeya (Parish Clerk)

Members of the public: None

RA2526/53 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for early departure were received from Cllr Gamble.

RA2526/54 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Gamble declared an interest in item 11 War Memorial (minute RA2526/63) as a member of the Royal British Legion.

RA2526/55 Public Forum

As there were no members of the public present there was no public forum.

RA2526/56 Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the committee meeting of 9th December 2025.

RA2526/57 Finance

It was **RESOLVED** to accept and approve the 3rd quarter accounts and budget monitoring report for the committee.

The Clerk reported that following legal action to recover a long-standing debt for pitch hire, three payments had now been received and most of the debt had been recovered. A final payment was due on 31st January after which the legal claim would be withdrawn.

Cllr Wallis joined the meeting during this item.

RA2526/58 Head Groundsman's Report

The report was **NOTED**. The Head Groundsman requested a steer on planting cherry trees across the front fence of Hag Hill Play Area. The committee was happy to support the suggestion. The Clerk informed the committee of an issue with commercial waste at Hag Hill which they had raised with the nearby store involved.

RA2526/59 Street Furniture

The Clerk reported that there had been a memorial bench application for Burnham Park near the play

area. There had also now been two offers of benches at the pond. Future priorities included the Knowledge Stream and the tree avenue.

The Clerk further reported that their next quarterly meeting with the streetlighting contractor was due in February, and would allocate the remaining maintenance budget for the financial year. They noted that as winter had gone on there were several issues being followed up, some of which were reliant on SSE to address.

The Clerk added that Buckinghamshire Council had stated that it wished to utilise the streetlighting columns near Taplow Station to affix the required traffic signs for its parking scheme, to minimise costs and reduce street clutter; and was seeking consent for this. The Parish Council's contractor had advised that many columns in this area were owned by Parish Council, and had provided a diagram. It was **RECOMMENDED** to Full Council to agree to this request subject to sufficient details about the signage and risk assessment being received, and the associated costs and insurance being met by Buckinghamshire Council. The Clerk stated that they would work with Buckinghamshire Council on these details.

The Clerk further drew the committee's attention to the email from Buckinghamshire Council giving an update on the proposed transfer of three bus shelters on Bath Road to the Parish Council. It was **RESOLVED** to agree to the suggested updated timescale subject to the previously agreed points around transfer paperwork and cleaning.

The Clerk finally reported that the Communications and Administration officer was taking over the updating of Council noticeboards from the Assistant Clerk. Some of these boards had been cleared pending updates, which would be progressed soon.

The reports were **NOTED**.

RA2526/60 Sustainability, ecology and climate emergency

The updated list of eco actions was **NOTED**.

The report on solar streetlighting was **NOTED**, and it was resolved:

1. To continue to use the current model of solar lights, to be installed by Leigh Electrical.
2. To adopt a policy that going forward that, unless the location is deemed unsuitable:
 - a. Any streetlight columns requiring replacement be replaced with a solar column and light, and not connected for electricity.
 - b. Any streetlights columns with significant connection problems requiring work from SSE be replaced with a solar light on the existing column.
 - c. Any streetlight heads requiring replacement be replaced with a solar head on the existing column.
3. To continue to use the current model of solar lights, to be installed by Leigh Electrical.

RA2526/61 Project updates

The Clerk reported that the name of 'Truham Row' for the Burnham Park Tree Avenue had been approved, and a sign had been ordered. The detailed proposal on lighting was still in progress pending a quote on protective mesh.

Cllr Carey reported that The Knowledge Stream (formerly 'Project 57') had been tidied up and replanted. He suggested that a competition be organised for a new name. It was **RESOLVED**:

- a) To delegate authority to the Assistant Clerk in consultation with Cllr Carey to organise a naming competition.
- b) To fund a suitable prize from the outside spaces fund, amount to be agreed with the Clerk.

The Clerk reported that the library box on the Village Green was in progress and they had been sent a video of the design which look very impressive. They had also received an offer of library boxes from the Community Board. It was felt that the Council should proceed with its own project and politely decline the offer from the Community Board at this time.

The Clerk further reported that the Memorial Tree Scheme would shortly be advertised by the Assistant Clerk, and that they had written to local organisations to request any expressions of interest in the Adopt a footpath scheme.

The Clerk and Cllr Mummery drew the committee's attention to the emails regarding bleed kits, and Buckinghamshire Council's plan to hold training.

The Clerk finally updated the committee on progress with the pond at Lent Green Lane, and stated that the next meeting of the working group was on 30th January.

The reports were **NOTED**.

RA2526/62 Hall Mosaic

The email regarding the estimated cost of repairs to the mosaic outside of Burnham Park Hall was **NOTED**. It was **RESOLVED** to seek a full quote, on the basis that the committee is minded to approve the work, to be considered at the next meeting.

RA2526/63 War Memorial

The Clerk updated the committee on the options to replace the bayonet for the war memorial statue, and to purchase of a 'lamp of peace' and 'peace flag', and reported that they had discussed these matters with Cllr Slater.

It was **RESOLVED**:

- a) That whilst the committed supported the principle of replacing the bayonet should the Royal British Legion wish to do so, it was not felt appropriate for public funds to be spent on it.
- b) To purchase a lamp of peace from the war memorial budget.

RA2526/64 Bunting

The emails concerning the bunting were **NOTED**. It was recognised that the bunting had been successful in 2025, and that there was budget for purchasing new bunting in 2026 and for one erection and removal. It was **RESOLVED** that:

- a) New bunting be purchased with a multicoloured triangular design
- b) The bunting should be put up around the start of spring, and taken down as appropriate based on its condition.

RA2526/65 2026-27 meeting calendar.

The draft meeting calendar for 2026/27, based on a pattern of meetings recommended by the Policy and Resources Committee, was **NOTED**. It was **RESOLVED** that the Committee had no objections to the draft calendar.

RA2526/66 Pitchside Café

It was **RESOLVED**:

- a) Under The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, as extended by Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, to exclude the public for confidential business to be considered, on the grounds that the following item included confidential staffing information.
- b) To invite councillors not on the committee to remain.

The update on the Pitchside Café was **NOTED**. It was **RESOLVED**:

- a) To recommend to the Policy and Resources Committee and the Full Council to update the GDPR, data, privacy and CCTV policy to cover the use of CCTV inside and outside the Pitchside Café.
- b) To purchase cameras up to a value of £200 for use inside and outside the Pitchside Café from the Outside Spaces Equipment Purchase and Repairs budget, if and after the policy update was agreed.

Cllr Gamble left the meeting during this item.

The meeting closed at 19:39

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 17th March 2026

Burnham Parish Council**Profit & Loss by Department (Advanced Budget and Variance)**

Period From: Month 1, April Year: 2026

Department: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 16

Period To: Month 11, February

R&A

Chart of Accounts: Chart of Accounts

| | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Budget</u> | <u>Variance</u> |
|------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Sales/Income | | | |
| Income | 62,918.45 | 79,375.91 | (16,457.46) |
| Income Littleworth Common | 4,074.00 | 0.00 | 4,074.00 |
| | <u>66,992.45</u> | <u>79,375.91</u> | <u>(12,383.46)</u> |
| Purchases | | | |
| Purchases | 3,717.82 | 9,118.04 | 5,400.22 |
| | <u>3,717.82</u> | <u>9,118.04</u> | <u>5,400.22</u> |
| Direct Expenses | | | |
| Fuel | 1,913.71 | 4,256.25 | 2,342.54 |
| Mileage | 1,007.10 | 1,300.00 | 292.90 |
| Clothing | 93.91 | 274.99 | 181.08 |
| Event Staff | 4,619.42 | 8,000.00 | 3,380.58 |
| Equipment Purchase | 1,698.00 | 500.00 | (1,198.00) |
| Licences | 844.00 | 0.00 | (844.00) |
| Bunting | 979.60 | 1,750.00 | 770.40 |
| Wildflower Project | 109.16 | 0.00 | (109.16) |
| The Fairway Wildlife Project | 294.00 | 0.00 | (294.00) |
| Littleworth Common Sign | 5,074.00 | 0.00 | (5,074.00) |
| Tree Avenue Burnham Park | 1,032.42 | 2,000.00 | 967.58 |
| The Knowledge Stream | 1,000.00 | 0.00 | (1,000.00) |
| | <u>18,665.32</u> | <u>18,081.24</u> | <u>(584.08)</u> |
| Gross Profit (Loss): | <u>44,609.31</u> | <u>52,176.63</u> | <u>(7,567.32)</u> |
| Overheads | | | |
| Salaries | 111,413.49 | 113,540.24 | 2,126.75 |
| Training | 1,179.67 | 1,083.33 | (96.34) |
| Cleaning | 4,757.70 | 4,400.00 | (357.70) |
| Property Maintenance & | 52,018.21 | 49,888.88 | (2,129.33) |
| Bank Charges | 10.00 | 0.00 | (10.00) |
| Rates & Council Tax | 3,008.14 | 3,000.00 | (8.14) |
| Refuse | 960.24 | 1,283.33 | 323.09 |
| Utilities | 32,261.56 | 26,770.83 | (5,490.73) |
| Equipment repairs & renewal | 22,541.29 | 23,390.00 | 848.71 |
| PWLB Loan Repayment | 1,611.14 | 3,254.00 | 1,642.86 |
| PWLB Interest Repayment | 15.63 | 15.63 | 0.00 |
| Health and Safety | 2,166.99 | 2,100.00 | (66.99) |
| Misc Cafe Purchases etc | 159.79 | 383.33 | 223.54 |
| GPMG Signage | 173.65 | 916.66 | 743.01 |
| War Memorial Maintenance | 545.83 | 500.00 | (45.83) |
| Halls Xmas Lights Repairs | 420.00 | 0.00 | (420.00) |
| | <u>233,243.33</u> | <u>230,526.23</u> | <u>(2,717.10)</u> |
| Net Profit (Loss): | <u>(188,634.02)</u> | <u>(178,349.60)</u> | <u>(10,284.42)</u> |

Head Groundsman's report, 2nd March 2026

a) Parks and playgrounds.

Burnham Park

- Play equipment all good; we have replaced 2 swing seats.
- Welding on the MUGA and the gate (to increase security) has now been done.
- We now have planted wild garlic bulbs.
- We have also sown wildflower seeds under some of the trees, to hopefully get a splash of colour.

Hag Hill

- We have now planted 2 cherry trees along the fence line.



Stomp road

- Play equipment is good.
- Shrubs have been all trimmed.

St Peters

- The welding on the fence line and the repair of the gates has now happened.
- The stream still floods down the school end, but our end looks really nice.

b) Hall, village green and war memorial.

Burnham Park Hall

- The daffs and the bulbs all look great.
- All tree work has now been completed.



War Memorial

- We will be replacing the lavender shortly.

c) Churchyard.

- We are cutting the brambles down along the wall and trimming any trees or shrubs along church walk.
- Otherwise all good.

d) George Pitcher Memorial Ground

- The ground works on the padel courts have now started
- This year we will be looking at changing how we do the pitch renovation work: this will include not using sand, switching to soil this may help in keeping more moisture in the ground. Also we will be trying a new product which goes into the soil to keep moisture levels up, the biggest trouble we have is keeping water in the soil in the summer and getting it to drain quickly in the winter.
- Will also look at getting the grass sprayed for weeds in the summer. We have not done this for a few years but this year was a bad year for knotweed; this is not good for football as players can get studs caught up and twist knees /ankles.
- We have reseeded the nature park areas, and hope they will take this year



e) Machinery and equipment.

We are looking at any additional small / medium equipment needs in light of remaining budget for this year.

f) Other

Fairway

- We had 2 trees that died; I personally believe they were planted in the wrong place to get light. These have been replaced by 2 cherry trees in a different position.



Forestry Commission

Advisory Letter: Oak Processionary Moth (OPM) 2026

Dear Parish Clerk,

Site ID: 43624, Grove Wood

I am writing because the Forestry Commission has received notification that Oak Processionary Moth (OPM) is present at the location named above. As you may know, OPM caterpillars are pests which are a hazard to the health of oak trees, people, and animals.

At this time of year, OPM is no longer active, with the caterpillars and moths having died off, leaving only their eggs behind. These eggs live in the tops of oak trees and are not visible from the ground. Removal of OPM nests is not an effective method for control of OPM at this stage, however, the nests will still contain hairs from the caterpillars which can be an irritation to humans and animals. You may therefore wish to consider organising the removal of nests where they pose a risk. Details of nest removal can be found on our [OPM Resource Hub](#).

If you are not responsible for this site, or have any queries regarding this letter, please contact us by email (opm@forestrycommission.gov.uk) or phone (0300 067 4442).

If you find any new evidence of OPM we may be unaware of, please submit a [TreeAlert](#) for the affected trees. This requires a photograph of the nest or caterpillar.

Information about OPM and the control measures can be found on the [Forestry Commission website](#).

Yours faithfully,

OPM Control Programme

Oak Processionary Moths

Context

The Council has received an advisory letter from the Forestry Commission concerning a report of oak processionary moth (OPM) at the Cherry Orchard. The letter is enclosed, and advises the Council to consider organising the removal of nests where they pose a risk, and directing us to further advice.

The Clerk has consulted R Watts and Co, who carry out tree work for the Council and are qualified and experienced in OPM removal, and this report proposes a course of action that is considered prudent and proportionate.

Recommendations

1. To note the information in report.
2. To approve the proposed course of targeted action to assess and manage oak processionary moth (OPM) on council land, noting an estimated cost of up to £1,000 to be taken from the outside spaces budget.
3. To update the Council's Risk Management Register to include the risks arising from OPM.

Alternative options considered and not recommended

1. To take more urgent or large-scale action – having consulted R Watts this is not felt necessary given the current time of year and the relative risk.
2. To take no action – given that OPM do pose risk to wildlife, pets and the public, this is not felt to be prudent.

Commentary

Background on OPM – quoted from <https://www.forestresearch.gov.uk>

The caterpillars (larvae) of oak processionary moth (OPM) are pests of oak trees, and a hazard to human and animal health. OPM was first accidentally introduced to England in 2005, and is subject to a government-led programme of survey and control to minimise its population, spread and impacts. Tiny hairs of the OPM can be blown about and cause itchy skin rashes, eye and throat irritations, and occasionally breathing difficulties in animals and humans. A **public information leaflet covering key facts, identification and control of OPM** is available.

Location and extent of OPM on BPC land

R Watts identified some likelihood of OPM on Council land last year, and advised us informally at that time. They did not make the report to the Forestry Commission, and at that time no specific

action was advised. Some of the OPM are in lower risk areas – e.g. not adjacent to paths or close to animals. There is not currently believed to be OPM on any other Council land.

Proposed course of action

In discussion with R Watts they have agreed to conduct a survey, without charge, of OPM at the GPMG in May when it comes into season. They will then advise the Clerk on a management plan of work to remove OPM nests in higher risk areas. Costs are approximately £150 per nest for trees requiring climbing by operatives, and £75 where accessible from the ground. As a rough estimate, based on the likely number of nests in higher risk areas, R Watts advise that £1,000 should be a sufficient sum to set aside for the work needed. R Watts also carry out similar work for Burnham Beeches. Whilst the survey carries no obligation to then commission R Watts for this work, given their experience, expertise, free advice and previous work for the Council the Clerk is minded to engage them when their recommendations have been received.

R Watts have stated that in their professional view the above plan is a prudent and proportionate course of action in response to the scale of the issue and level of risk.

Risks

- There is the possibility of OPM appearing on oak trees on other Council land. This will be monitored, and professional advice sought as appropriate.
- There is a balance of risk in terms of the scale and immediacy of response. Having taken appropriately qualified professional advice should ensure that an appropriate balance of risk.

Recreation & Amenities 'Green' To Do List (updated 12.02.26)

Live list

| Pavilion | | |
|---|----------------|--|
| Change heating controls for simpler system | Retain | |
| Consider changing the heating system | Retain | |
| Replace remaining lamps with LED | When replacing | |
| Install aerator shower heads | When replacing | |
| Replace taps with push button or sensor taps | When replacing | |
| Check cistern sizes and install water saving bags if needed | When replacing | |

| George Pitcher | | |
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| Purchase electrical machinery | Review when replacing | |
| Consider EV charging in the car park | Retain | |
| Change to electric vehicles when current vehicles reach end of life | Review when replacing | |
| Consider solar panels as part of car park design | Not currently viable | |
| Prune trees shadowing the solar panels on pavilion | In progress Now agreed to remove one tree (which will itself facilitate the growth of another tree) | In progress |
| Explore feasibility of installing wind-turbines | Retain | |
| Explore feasibility of further solar panels (machinery storage shed) | Retain | |
| Increase boundary copse by 3 metres in nature park | Retain | |
| Allow hedge expansion around football pitches | Prioritise | |
| Use sustainable safe materials under exercise equipment rather than tarmac | When replacing | |

| Burnham Park | | |
|---|---------------|--|
| Line walkways with trees to increase biodiversity | In progress | Trees and signage now in place – just solar lighting and bench |
| Improve community orchard | Investigating | |

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| St Peters | | |
| Consider planting a community orchard at St Peters | Retain | |
| Upgrade and renew the project 57 area around the stream | In progress | Main work done Nov 25. John and Laiba looking at next stage. |

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| Public Toilets | | |
| Investigate water usage as seems very high | Investigating – some plumbing works in progress | |

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| Litter pick | | |
| Introduce a quarterly litter pick | In progress | Continuing |

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| Other council land | | |
| Investigate cycle racks at Jennery Lane and other central location | In progress | New action 25.06 – advertising for site ideas |

Completed Actions

Pavillion

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|---|------|--|
| Insulate pipes to the hot water tank | Done | |
| Insulate loft hatch | Done | |
| Repair leaking taps | Done | |
| Switch to recycled toilet paper | Done | |
| Ensure all cleaning products are environmentally friendly | Done | |
| Increase insulation in pavilion roof from 100mm to 300mm | Done | |

GPMG

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| Increase areas of natural woodland hedging | Done | |
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| Increase areas of wildflower meadow | Done: New area planted | |
| Investigate switching diesel vehicles to hydrogenated fuel oil | Done | |
| Add tree/shrub/herb hedging to perimeter of St Peters, utilising free saplings from Woodland Trust | Done | Done along one full side. Can review to consider more for coming year if successful |

Pitchside

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|--|------|--|
| Replace old chest freezer with new energy efficient model | Done | |
| Ensure freezer set to -18 and fridge set to 5 degrees | Done | |
| Replace beef crisps with alternative | Done | |
| Switch from single use sugar sachets to sugar shaker | Done | |
| Ensure all cleaning products are environmentally friendly | Done | |
| Replace beef burgers with less environmentally damaging option | Done | |
| Switch to recycled napkins | Done | |
| Switch to recycled bin bags | Done | |
| Buy fairtrade coffee tee, sugar and organic milk | Done | |

Public toilets

| | | |
|---|------|--|
| Switch to recycled toilet paper | Done | |
| Switch to recycled bin bags | Done | |
| Ensure all cleaning products are environmentally friendly | Done | |

Water fountains

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| Investigate / install water fountain at GPMG | Done | |
| Investigate / install water fountain at Jennery Lane toilets | Done | |

Items done not on list

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| 400 trees/hedging planted at GPMG |
| Wild flower seeds planted at GPMG – now in Nature Park as well as Car Park verge |
| Lavender planted along pavilion edge |
| Sought advice on management of Nashdom Lane, and added new sign |
| Added wildlife enhancements at the Fairway (bug hotel, bird houses etc) |
| Planters added to Phone Box at Littleworth Common. |

New planters added outside Hall.

Solar streetlights pilot at Lent Green Lane –

Now also agreed future policy of replacing with solar as lamps / posts reach end of life, or if there are ongoing connection issues, provided the site is not unsuitable.

Stimulus questions for play areas discussion

These questions are to spark an open discussion to give the new Deputy Clerk some ideas to start looking into a play area project, and bring back a report to a future meeting:

Location

- Should we focus on particular existing play areas? If so which?
- Are there any pieces of land currently without play equipment that we should consider?

Equipment

- Are there any particular age groups we should be looking at providing more for?
- Are there any other groups we should be looking at providing more for (e.g. neurodivergent children, children with physical disabilities etc)
- Are there any particular styles or pieces of equipment we should be considering?

Funding

- What kind of scale of project should we be looking at (i.e. what kind of budget / level of ambition)?
- What funders / partners should we consider?

Cllr input

- Which Councillors would be willing to work with the Deputy Clerk on this project?

Millenium Mosaic – proposed repairs

Context

The Committee meeting on 27th January resolved “to seek a full quote (for Mosaic repairs), on the basis that the committee is minded to approve the work, to be considered at the next meeting”.

A survey has now been carried out (appendix enclosed) with detailed recommendations for works. This report lays out the costs and likely timescales for such work.

Recommendations

Should the committee still be minded to carry out the work, to:

1. EITHER
 - a. Recommend to the Policy and Resources Committee to fund the works from the Capital Project Reserve OR
 - b. Resolve to commission the work from Jubilee Conservation, with a total project cost of up to £2,500 to come from the 2026-27 Outside Space Grounds Maintenance and Repairs budget.
2. Give a steer as to whether, if it is not possible to source exact matches for missing tesserae or pebbles, the preference of the committee is to EITHER
 - a. Leave spaces where exact matches cannot be sourced OR
 - b. Replace missing tesserae or pebbles with the nearest available match, which may be visibly different from the original.

Alternative options considered and not recommended

1. Not to proceed with the work: this remains a viable option. It has not been recommended as the previous committee meeting was minded to approve the work and the budget is approximately what was estimated at that meeting.
2. To seek alternative quotes. We have not yet been able to source alternative quotes, as this is a very specialist area of work. Further quotes could be sought, although this is likely to delay the work.

Costs

- The estimate for works is £2,200, including £200 for the report submitted, and a further £2,000 for works.
- This doesn't include the cost of the Herras fencing and any signage to close the pathway; Herras fencing is not expensive, and we estimate would cost only around £100 including delivery.
- With contingency we have therefore proposed a total project budget of £2,500.

Funding Sources

- Whilst these works can be funded from the 2026-27 Outside Space Grounds Maintenance and Repairs budget, it must be noted that this is a large part of the 'slack' available in that budget for necessary grounds works identified during the year.
- Therefore it may be more prudent to consider the use of the 'Capital Projects Fund' (via P&R). This fund currently contains approximately £5,000, which has not been allocated for other purposes (although it may be considered for use as contingency for the CCTV project currently being investigated).
- The Clerk does not consider that a Mosaic can reasonably be considered to be 'Infrastructure', and therefore Community Infrastructure Levy Funds would not be suitable.

Timescales and impact of works

- The works would take an estimated 2 weeks, timing to be confirmed when the work is commissioned. There would be disruption to the main footpath at this time, and it is likely that the alternative path, which is not suitable for all wheeled vehicles, would have to be used.

Risks

- If Grounds 'Maintenance and Repairs' revenue funds are used there is a risk that other works identified during the year could not be carried out. The Council will need to weigh this against the opportunity cost of using around half of the Capital Projects Reserve.
- There is a risk that the mosaic will be further damaged, and that the funds invested may therefore be effectively lost. The Council will need to weigh this risk against the benefits to an improved appearance of the mosaic.



Millennium Mosaic Condition Report

By Simon Cottle ACR

1st March 2026

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Registered Office: 86 Grange Park Road, London, England E10 5ES. Registered in England No 15672399



Name: Millennium Mosaic

Location: Burnham Park, Windsor Lane, SL1 7HR. Close to the war memorial.

Date: 18th February 2026

Conditions: Overcast, dry.

Dimensions: 235cm x 232cm

Materials:

Glazed ceramic tesserae in maroon, yellow, orange, varied brown

Square granite setts

Square concrete setts

Slate in purple, blue, green

Pebbles of various sizes

Red terracotta tiles

Description

A square mosaic set into the pathway through the park. It has a centre circle with a tree design, sundial markings around the edge and compass points.



The text reads:

THIS MOSAIC / WAS COMMISSIONED BY / BURHAM PARISH COUNCIL / TO
CELEBRATE THE MILLENNIUM

Condition

Structural Base

Movement of the ground underneath has cracked the surface in various locations and there are raised areas. This has led to the loss of numerous tesserae and the raised areas are more vulnerable to damage.

Tesserae

Although mostly intact, there are small areas of loss in various locations, and a prominent section of the centre circle missing. Approximately 15% of the centre circle is missing, with most of the losses being pebbles and a small amount of slate.

Approximately 7 varied brown glazed tiles are missing from the border of the centre circle and approximately 20 more from the quadrants on the outside of the circle.

A small number of yellow and orange tiles are missing.

There are a large number of chips and cracks in various locations.



Mortar

The original mortar is likely to be cement based and has failed in areas. Some mortar repairs have been done to a poor standard notable by the level of mortar being too high.

Biological Factors

There is a small amount of organic growth on the surface, but nothing significant. There is no obvious disruption by tree roots.



Conservation Proposals

- Clean the surface of the mosaic to remove any surface dirt and organic matter.
- Remove any unsightly cement repairs and any mortar that is crumbling.
- Source and reinstate the missing tesserae. It may not be possible to source the exact same colour tesserae and pebbles and so a decision should be made to either leave spaces where they are missing or replace with the nearest available match, which may be visibly different from the original.
- Grout the mosaic with a cement mortar.

Considerations

- The entire mosaic will need to be fenced off with Herras fencing for the duration of the project. This will likely take 2 weeks.



A large section of the centre circle is missing



Numerous glazed ceramic tesserae are missing



Some cement repairs have been done to a poor standard



Movement in the ground below has caused the mosaic to lift and crack. Here the crack can also be seen running through the adjacent tarmac surface.