

**St. Albans Parish Council**  
**Cllr. David White**  
***Lengthsman Scheme***

This is a follow up from a member of the public question raised at the St. Albans Parish Council of the 26<sup>th</sup> September. At this time the Council informed the parishioner that the Council had applied to join the Lengthsman Scheme, and that contract had been signed.

Today, 27<sup>th</sup> September I have taken some time to walk the parish and identify most of the alleyways to undertake an assessment of any work that may be needed during the winter months, given that we can agree contract with a suitable supplier

**Shacklock Close**

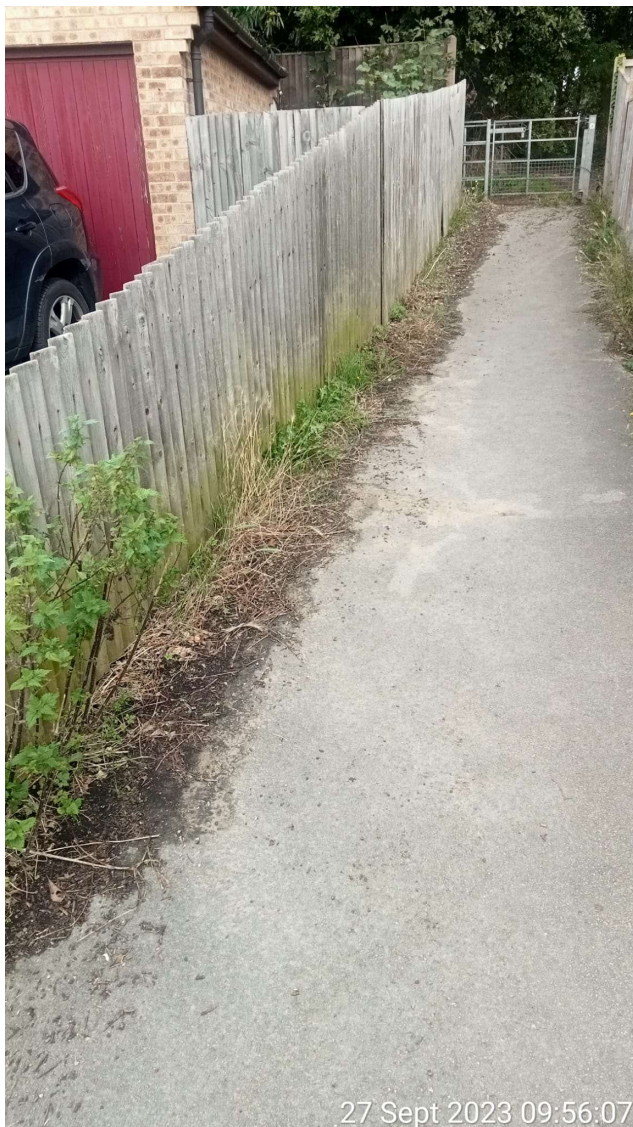


This alleyway was mentioned at the meeting in particular. As you can see the trees from the neighbours' garden appear to have been cut back. I have spoken to the resident and they informed me that they last cut them in March. I noticed the on-going improvement projects that they have undertaken since moving into the property most recently. They would be happy if the Council wish to trim them back further. Necessary weeding required in this alleyway.

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**Ludgate Close.**

This alleyway leads from Ludgate towards and into the Bestwood Country Park. The ground is light with weeds, heavy with moss which will require a small clean up.





**Ludgate continued: Grit bin.**

Ludgate is on the junction with Hatton Close. The grit bin is half empty and requires filling. An elderly resident from Hatton Close informed me that they could do with having a grit bin closer to their road as there is a steep incline. Due to the distance and weight of the salt they feel this one is too far. I would suggest that we may be able to move an unused grit bin from another area of the Parish.



**Cedar Tree Road & Woodchurch Grit bin.**



This is one of the newer grit bins that has been put in place in recent years. None of the content has been used in that time. This could be a possible recommendation to move this to Hatton Close. An alternative option would be to purchase a further grit bin.





**Bullins Close, Deer Park & Robin Hood Road.**

Grit bins on Bullins Close and Robin Hood Road are empty and require filling from current road salt stock.



**Moss Close & Larch Close.**

This alleyway is in need of clearing of weeds. A resident has raised this issue in the past as this is a walkway towards one of the primary schools. As a prior Cllr and one other, we have cleared this ourselves in the past. Approximately two hours work, but there is the disposal of waste to consider.



**Larch Close Grit Bin.**



This grit bin does not require filling at this stage.



**Stockdale Close.**

This alley way is a throughfare between Stockdale Close and Bewcastle Road. These services the two nearby academies', of Warren and Oakdale.



The fence line is heavy in ivy and other similar trees and in the summer, months would welcome a trim and the weeds removing from the pathway. In the past this has been an alley that has suffered from dog fowling.

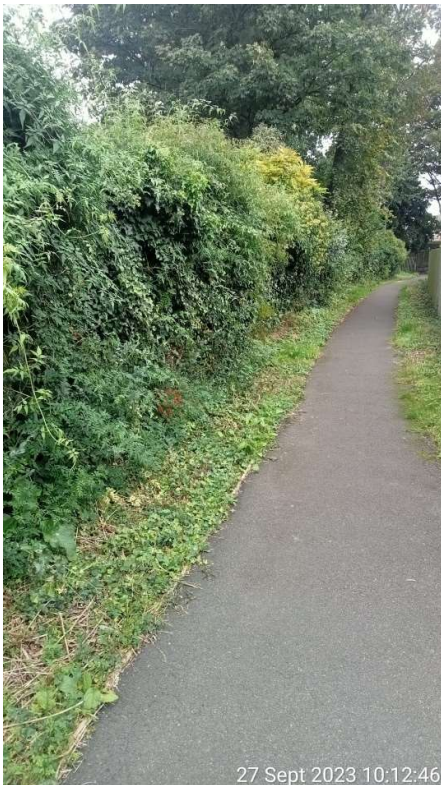
**Tithe Gardens Grit Bin.**



This grit bin is being used and could do with a top up of road salt at this time.

**Woodchurch Road & Emmanuel Church.**

This is the alley way at the rear of the church towards the Woodchurch pedestrian walkway. This would need some trimming back in both directions from Woodchurch to Sidlaw Rise. This area is having a heavy footfall and can be challenging in the winter months, It has also been recommended in the past the possibility of providing improved lighting for public safety reasons.



**Conclusion:**

**There are further alleyways to consider and identify which would include the outstanding grit bins which have not been identified in this report to the Council.**

**Recommendations:**

- 1. Purchase further grit bin for Hatton Close or consider relocating a grit bin situated on Cedar Tree Road, Woodchurch.**
- 2. Contractor to recover current stock of road salt and fill those bins that are requiring refills.**
- 3. Contractor to recover parish notice board from storage and to be fitted on the Woodchurch and Pavilion Road sports field. (Cllr W will submit project for next meeting of the Council).**
- 4. Identify and review outstanding alleyways and grit bins.**

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5. Advert to be prepared inline with the contractual requirements for a lengthsman, Councillors to submit contributions towards a potential advert.

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**27<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

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