

## **Amenities Report to Tourism & Amenities Committee – 18<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

### **Mariner's Garden**

Structural work on the harbour wall has now been completed by the contractors and the garden has been formally handed back to Looe Town Council. Due to the length of time it was out of commission, there was some essential remedial work that needed to be carried out immediately including urgent replacement of loose tiles on the pergola which WLTT have been asked to contribute towards the cost of. The raised beds have been covered with membrane and blue slate chippings and Looe in Bloom ladies have replanted the large and 2 small boats with flowers which are looking lovely. There are just a few remaining actions – collection of the fencing by Jewsons; concrete to be laid around the slabs to prevent weeds; repainting of the wording on the memorial stone and in September the planting of an ornamental pear tree at the request of Cornwall Council Tree Officer which is a replacement for one removed several years ago.

### **Seagull Control**

Under our Seagull Control programme, our contractor visited 96 properties and replaced 256 eggs this year. This is a marked increase on last year and also compared with 2015 figures:

2017	80 properties	222 eggs
2016	92 properties	280 eggs
2015	76 properties	196 eggs

We have also received a couple of complaints regarding the aggressive behaviour of gulls, particularly on the beach (see under Correspondence). There is not an easy solution to this and would need to be in conjunction with ELTT who owns the beach.

### **Waste bins**

Biffa have replaced some bins around the town and moved others to ensure as wide a coverage as possible. There are now more bins in town that there were prior to LHC and ELTT removing theirs earlier in the year. Cornwall Council are able to monitor what waste is put in these bins and will actively pursue any business who is using refuse bins for disposal of their commercial waste.

### **Patient's Car Park Barrier**

The entrance barrier and mechanism at the Patient's Car park have now been replaced. Unfortunately, it has experienced intermittent faults over the last 2 weeks and has been identified that, due to the severe high temperatures and constant flow of vehicles over a small area, the tarmac surrounding the imbedded wire loops (which control access and egress of the car park) has worn away to such an extent that the wire was exposed in several places. We anticipate the work to remedy this (channelling and relaying the loop) will be completed by the weekend of 21/22 July.

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