



HASLEMERE TOWN COUNCIL

ANNUAL VERTI DRAINING LION GREEN

BACKGROUND

- Following the wet Winter weather and fun fair visit in April 2023, the Lion Green is very compacted and surface water is not draining away.
- Our grounds maintenance contractor, Commercial Grounds Care, has suggested that an annual Verti drain takes place on the left-hand side of the Green.
- This is the process of inserting tines approximate 9"/20cm long into the surface of the ground to break up soil compaction and aid drainage. It is already subject to aeration work 4 times a year.
- It has been recommended this takes place annually - preferably in Spring before the first event takes place on the Green in April.
- However, the ground is so bad it is suggested that it is done in October 2023 after all events have finished, and then annually from April 2024.
- The cost will be £800 per visit (once a year).
- There is no money in the grounds maintenance budget to do the work in October 2023, but the Amenities Committee does have an annual budget of £2,500 which it could use to pay for the October 2023 work.

Recommendation: Lion Green is Verti drained in October 2023 and paid for out of the Amenities Committee budget for this year.

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