

Hunstanton Heritage Gardens update



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The £1.3m project to refurbish and repair the areas of the Greens, Esplanade Gardens and structures along the cliff top continues, with progress evident across the site.

This project is supported by the National Lottery through the Heritage Lottery Fund and Big Lottery Fund and will be complete during June 2017.

With works continuing on the new play area, the Victorian shelters on cliff parade, the town sign and shelters situated around the Greens.

The new Time and Tide Garden can be seen taking shape as the focal point of the main gardens and will be completed by early June.



Clockwise from top left: *Time and Tide garden*: Works to Time and Tide Garden have been delayed from the original timescales with remaining works including the completion of the steps and walls, final planting and pathways to be completed over the coming weeks with the area to be fully open in early June. *South Green Shelter*: Works are almost complete with just minor finishing touches to be completed prior to its re-opening. *Edwardian Pavilion*: Works to the Edwardian pavilion and associated new rose garden are almost complete with just the last few finishing touches to be completed prior to reopening this area to the public. The Pavilion has seen extensive works to remove and replace rotten woodwork and replace windows. Paintwork has been refreshed and it is almost ready for the summer season. The paved area to the Rose Garden is complete and planting will take place shortly enabling this area to reopen to the public at the same time as the pavilion.



Clockwise from top left: *Crazy Golf*: The New Crazy Golf area is complete, although remaining closed whilst the grass binds with the safety surface installed, the dry weather has hampered growth but signs are good that the surface will soon be ready for reopening the area. Planting to the flower beds within this area will take place imminently in preparation for its reopening. *Play Area*: The New play area has progressed well, including refurbishment of the rocking horse, however there is one item of equipment outstanding to be delivered by the end of May. On arrival of this piece of equipment the final surfacing and commissioning of the area will take place to allow it to open to the public as soon as possible. Members of the community have undertaken a horticultural training day and are leading the planting of the central flower bed within the play area, this planting will take place on the 27th May. *Lookout Area*: Works have started on the New Lookout area which will see a new raised deck area and telescope along with seating. This work will be ongoing.



Cliff Top Shelters: The shelters are currently prepared for extensive restoration, stripping out work has revealed extensive rot and deterioration of the structures. However as can be seen the removal of the over boarding and patch repairs has revealed some of the original features. Wherever possible it is the aim to restore these features to their original condition. As was suspected from previous research and guidance the chosen blue stained colour scheme looks to align with the colours originally applied to the structures as is evident to the panels uncovered above.



Clockwise from top left: *St Edmunds Chapel*: St Edmunds Chapel has seen replacement paving installed and is awaiting repointing and minor planting to take place prior to being reopened to the public whilst this work is underway the area will remain closed off.

Overall

The project is experiencing delays to works on the built structures and we are working closely with the main contractor to rectify these issues. Overall the project is progressing towards the completion date of June 2017.
Many of the areas of work are progressing toward completion and opening in the coming weeks ready for the summer holiday season.

Next steps and Key Dates

In the next steps are:

- Installation of Zinc roofing to the Butterfly shelters
- Fencing to be installed W/C 15th May
- Landscape works to upper butterfly shelter to commence
- Formation of the final wall for the Time and Tide Garden
- Resurfacing of the garden pathways
- Pointing works and planting to St Edmunds Chapel
- Completion of paving to the statue base and statue installation