

Nichola Reay

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**From:** Steve Songhurst  
**Sent:** 24 January 2024 10:18  
**To:** Nichola Reay  
**Subject:** Putland Pond Toad Patrol Results 2023  
**Attachments:** 385 Paddock Wood 2023.xlsx

Hi Nichola,

I am please to attach the figures for the Paddock Wood Toad Patrols in 2023.

In summary:

- Patrols started on 18<sup>th</sup> February and ran for a month, although there was a break of just over a week in early March, due to intense cold weather, when the animals stopped moving. The main toad spawning didn't occur in the pond until 15 March, about a week later than normal.
- 627 toads were rescued from the surrounding roads and taken to the main Putland pond.
- The main roads patrolled were Ashcroft Road / Kiln Way / The Bines / Chaffinch Way, with Ashcroft Road and Kiln Way proving to be the most active toad highways.
- Toads are mainly rescued from either the roadside gully pots or alongside the kerbs.
- Due to the patrol teams efforts, toad deaths were fairly low in 2023.
- Counting breeding toads in the pond was difficult in 2023, due to extensive vegetation growth around the pond. Recent clearance should make this easier in 2024.
- The smaller drainage pond at Putlands is hardly used at all now, although ten years ago is was extensively used by frogs. It may well be that there has been a chemical change to the water / silt, making it unsuitable. Amphibians are highly susceptible to chemical pollution, and I suspect that the smaller pond is the main drainage pond for the Putland Sports centre car park, so there may well have been a build up of chemicals in the silt in this pond.

Happy to answer any questions councillors may have about toad usage of the ponds at Putlands.

Best wishes

Steve Songhurst

## Toads on Roads Data record sheet

Site (name and ID):	Paddock Wood (385)	Patrol Effort:		Total No.
		Start date	Last date	of days patrolled
Year of data collection:	2023	18-Feb	19-Mar	21

(Patrols start at 7pm and finish around 9pm)

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Date: 27-Jan-2024

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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU) BETWEEN PADDOCK WOOD  
TOWN COUNCIL (PWTC) AND The Primary Care Network – Tonbridge Garden Therapy  
project (PCN(Ton))**

Conditions:

Agreed start date of MoU: ...../...../2024

1. PCN(Ton) agree to PWTC allotment terms and conditions of hire. A copy is attached.
2. Everything mentioned in this MoU replaces any conflict with the PWTC allotment terms and conditions.
3. This MoU is for 24 months from the date of MoU.
4. PWTC will give minimum of twelve months notice of termination from date of MoU.
5. PCN(Ton) will give a minimum of three months notice of termination from date of MoU.
6. PWTC agree to allow PCN(Ton) rent free use of a Ringden Avenue allotment section as show in diagram A.
7. PWTC agree to allow PCN(Ton) rent free use of the Pavilion building on the Memorial field for occasional use. Such times to be agreed with the estate manager or clerk in advance.
8. Use of the Pavilion building is subject to no other events occurring on the Memorial field that require use of the Pavilion.
9. PWTC allows use of the Pavilion tables and chairs and its toilet facilities.
10. Any storage within the Pavilion is to be arranged with the estate manager or clerk.
11. Any other storage to be arranged with the estate manager or clerk.
12. Any heating in the Pavilion to be arranged with the estate manager or clerk.
13. At all times PCN(Ton) are responsible for their persons and any equipment they use is the sole responsibility of PCN(Ton). No liability is accepted by PWTC.
14. While PWTC wants to co-operate with PCN(Ton), any disagreements between PWTC and PCN(Ton) , the estate manger or clerk decision is final in any matter.

Chair PTWC ..... Date:  
...../...../2024

PWTC Clerk ..... Date: ...../...../2024

PCN(Ton) ..... Date: ...../...../2024



## Dogs in Paddock Wood Cemetery

Councillors and personnel have noticed some concerns with dogs in the cemetery. Most dogs seem to be off lead, even though there are signs stating that dogs must be on a lead, past certain areas of the cemetery. There have also been ongoing issues with dog fouling, especially on the pathways and near burials.

To tackle this an option would be to install new, larger, signage with more specific wording and rules, making it clearer for residents.

Residents have been able to use the unused section of the cemetery as public open space for decades. Applications can be found on TWBC showing this from 1979 – 2005:

<https://twbcpa.midkent.gov.uk/online-applications/searchResultsBack.do?action=back>

Researching other Council's rules and regulations on dogs in cemeteries, most state no dogs allowed off leads. Some express no dogs permitted at all (with the exception of Guide/Assistance Dogs). Some larger cemeteries and Towns have gone as far as enforcing fines if dogs are found off leads or in a cemetery where dogs are not permitted. They can do this with the support of enforcement officers, under a PSPO (Public Spaces Protection Order) – Sports grounds and parks in Tunbridge Wells and surround have some of these in place. Paddock Wood Town Council do not have enforcement powers to implement something like this.

### Local Council examples below;

#### **Tonbridge Cemetery:**

*Dogs must be kept on leads at all times within Tonbridge Cemetery*

#### **Pembury Burial Grounds:**

*Dogs must be on a lead at all times and under full control.*

#### **Southborough Cemetery and St Peters Church Yard**

*No dogs are permitted in the cemetery with the exception of Guide Dogs, Hearing Dogs or other recognised Assistance Dogs, or with the express permission of the Town Clerk.*

#### **Hadlow Cemetery**

*Dogs must be kept on a short leash at all times, and a visitor in control of a dog must remove any waste from the Cemetery.*

#### **Mardens rules: 1.8 Dogs:**

*You may NOT bring your dog into the cemetery. However, for reasons of safety the Parish Council will permit dogs on leads using the footpath to the cemetery to pass through the cemetery in order to access public footpaths further down Maidstone Road. You must keep your dog on a lead at all times, you must stay on the paths and you must pick up your dog's faeces. Guide Dogs are allowed in any part of the cemetery.*

#### **Kent & Sussex Crematorium (Tunbridge Wells):**

**Dogs or Other Animals** – *Only when assisting their disabled owner will dogs registered for this purpose be permitted within the cemetery. All other dogs and/or other animals are not permitted within the cemetery.*



Examples:







Some suggestions  
that could be  
included in the  
new signs

**Restricted area:**  
Dogs are not



permitted in certain areas of the cemetery. Such as near gravesites, for respect purposes, burial services, or areas marked as of limits for maintenance.

**Hours of access:** The cemetery may have specific hours when dogs are allowed. Ensure that these hours are clearly communicated to the public.

**Enforcement:** Town Council members or designated personnel have the authority to enforce these rules and request non-compliant individuals to adhere to them or leave the premises.

**Clean up policy:** Owners are required to clean up after their dogs. They must carry suitable waste bags and dispose of any dog waste in designated bins outside the cemetery premises.

**Leash requirement:** All dogs brought into the cemetery must be on a leash and under the control of their owners, at all times.

**Respectful Behaviour:** Owners should be mindful of the atmosphere in the cemetery and ensure that their dogs do not engage in behaviour that might disrupt or disturb others paying respects.

**Please can members decide on the wording of the new signs that PWTC can implement and or any other suggestions.**

Thank you,

Enza Small  
Deputy Clerk  
Paddock Wood Town Council

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### Yuk! dog fouling

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#### Health risks - dog fouling dangers and solutions

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## Yuk! dog fouling

Yuk! is our campaign against dog fouling in Derbyshire.

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Not only does dog mess look and smell horrible, it causes stomach upsets, headaches and can even cause asthma and blindness.

Help to keep your area free of dog mess by picking up a free Yuk! sign.

The signs act as a reminder to the small amount of irresponsible dog owners to think of the health risks if they don't clear up after their pets.

You can display our weather-proof Yuk! signs on gates, fences, or in windows.

Pick one up from [any library](#) or complete a form and we'll post a sign to you.




HEY YOU FORGOT



CLEAN IT UP !!



 **Winchester**  
City Council



Break down of costs for cable way for St Andrews

Contractor	Material	Equipment plus installation	Safety surfacing	Removal of old equipment	Post installation inspection	Miscellaneous	Total
Wicksteed*	Steel						
Sovereign	Timber	£15,875	Grass matting	£1275	£490	£1697.87	£20359.85
Playdale	Timber	£15938	Grass Matting	Inc in installation cost	£350	£1330	Grass matting £19026
			Rubber mulch				Rubber mulch £23477
Proludic*	Steel						

\* The Council advised that it wanted timber cable way at St Andrews not steel, therefore quotations were not progressed with these two suppliers