



WATER IN THE WELLS WORKING GROUP

REPORT TO THE TOWN FORUM 27 September 2018

The Working Group met on 11 July and will meet again on 6 November

Once again, our report only covers sites where there have been developments since the last full Town Forum meeting.

- **Knights Wood:** the water feature is now being regularly cleaned and is looking good, day and night.
- **Dunorlan Lake and cascade/fountain:** the fountain has again been working, but no progress has been made on the preparation of a full capitalisation programme for the park and its water features.
- **Arriva Bus Station:** Demolition has recommenced, and we are awaiting landscaping plans that incorporate two small water walls at the main entrance on St John's Road.
- **Grosvenor and Hilbert:** Marnock Lake is still without water, but with a large amount of mud, weeds and other debris. The pumps controlling the Dripping Wells will be repaired once the necessary parts can be sourced.
- **Royal Wells Park:** Water is once more flowing in the rills of both the upper and lower water feature. Following representations made to Berkeley Homes by Water in the Wells, the spacers for the raised stainless-steel lettering **SOMETHING IN THE WATER** have been reduced in width so that the water flow is more noticeable but does not extend onto the pavement. LED lighting has been installed, so the feature now also attracts attention at night.
- **Calverley Square:** An initial meeting has been held with Water in the Wells to discuss the design, dimensions and positioning of a water feature.
- **Drinking fountains:** Water in the Wells has been given an undertaking by the Chief Executive, William Benson, that drinking fountains will be installed at all levels within the new theatre and council offices. William Benson has in addition spoken to major developers – Altitude, Dandara and British Land – insisting on the provision of drinking water fountains in their projects at Belvedere, Union House and Royal Victoria Place. Royal Tunbridge Wells Together is actively investigating the possibility of installing a drinking fountain in the Pantiles.

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