

Removal of Matting on The Tynning, April 2023

To approve

To consider and approve a quote for removing the matting from The Tynning.

Quotes

Three quotes have been sought for removal of matting on The Tynning.

1	£480 for matting removal with digger £352 grass re-seeding £832 total
2	£750 - £800 for removal and re-seeding
3	Quote awaited

Details

The matting is completely grown over in most places, so its removal will require a digger to help lift it. A lot of the grass will be lifted with it and the paths will need re-seeding. People will ideally need to be kept off this area whilst the grass seed takes. So there will, unfortunately, be some disruption caused by removal of the matting. Given the point in the year, grass seeding needs to be done as soon as possible to have the best chance of success.

When the matting was put down it was as a temporary measure and no one knew that it would be used for so long.

The matting will start to degrade at some point, generally suggested in 20-30 years, although usage will reduce this time. It is not considered a 'forever' solution for maintaining the integrity of the path and neither is it a sustainable solution as when it starts to degrade then plastic will enter the soil.

Concerns have been raised by a resident that although the matting was a temporary measure, some residents do not see a valid reason for removing the matting, now that it helps maintain well-used paths and because of the costs involved in removing it.