

Grass Cutting

Urban Grass -

6 cuts per annum on following dates

Cut No.	Start	Finish
1	03 Apr	04 May
2	08 May	08 Jun
3	13 Jun	13 Jul
4	18 Jul	17 Aug
5	28 Aug	27 Sep
6	02 Oct	01 Nov



- Urban Grass is usually in built up areas and is cut with a ride on mower and strimmers.
- The cuttings are not collected they are spread evenly over the verge.
- Cuttings are cleared from hard surfaces with a blower.
- Obstacles such as lamp posts are cleared with a strimmer.
- On maintenance maps these areas are **green**.

Visibility - 3 cuts per annum on following dates

Visit	Start	Finish
1	01 May	21 May
2	10 July	31 July
3	11 September	30 October



- Visibility cutting takes place with a tractor and flail on junctions and bends to improve visibility.
- A separate vehicle follows the tractor to cut around obstructions with a strimmer.
- On maintenance maps these areas are **red**.

Rural Verges = Swathe - 1 cut per annum on following dates

Visits	Start	Finish
1	30 May	10 July



- The swathe cut takes place on rural roads and is a 900mm wide cut, carried out with a tractor and flail along both edges of the road.
- Cuttings are not cleared.
- A separate vehicle follows the tractor to cut around obstructions with a strimmer.
- Does not include hedges
- On maintenance maps this appears as a continuous **yellow** line.

Shrubs & Hedges



Shrubs - 1 cut per annum.		
Visit No.	From	Date to be completed by
1	15 May	28 February

- Shrub beds are only visited once during the year.
- Shrub bed maintenance is carried out once a year between 15th May and 28th February.
- Some locations are visited outside this period for safety.
- At each maintenance visit they are weeded, pruned and self-sown trees and litter cleared.
- Works maybe carried out with a hedge cutter.
- On maintenance maps shrub areas are **blue**.

Urban Hedges - 1 cut per annum		
Visit	Start	Finish
1	15 May	18 Feb

- Urban hedges are ornamental hedges within built up areas.
- At each maintenance visit they are weeded, pruned and self-sown trees and litter removed
- Works maybe carried out with a hedge cutter
- On maintenance maps urban hedges are **brown**



- Rural hedges are normally outside of built up areas and are usually native trees and shrubs such as hazel or hawthorn.
- At each maintenance visit hedges are faced up off the highway to a height of 5.5m or 2.5m depending on location.
- Works are carried out with a tractor and flail cutter.
- On maintenance maps rural hedges are **brown**.

Rural Hedges - 1 cut per annum		
Visit	Start	Finish
1	1 Oct	31 Jan

Other Services

Weed Spray - 2 treatments per annum		
Visit	Start	Finish
1	01 May	15 June
2	01 Sep	15 Oct



- Weed treatment is undertaken twice per year.
- Footpaths and kerb channels are sprayed with a herbicide that kills all green vegetation.
- Weeds can take up to 10-14 days before they brown off.
- Where tall weeds cause an obstruction or H&S issue these may be removed.
- On maintenance maps weed routes appear as **Blue & Red** lines.

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