

We employ the Council Parks Service to maintain the communal grounds around your home.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Grass Cutting			[Green bar spanning from Mar to Dec]									
Hedges	[Blue bar]						[Blue bar]					
Privet Hedges							[Orange bar]		[Orange bar]		[Orange bar]	
Shrub Beds	[Purple bar: Winter Works]					[Purple bar: Summer Light Prune]					[Purple bar: Winter Works]	
Rose Beds			[Blue bar]			[Blue bar]	[Blue bar]	[Blue bar]	[Blue bar]			
Maintenance/replanting		[Red bar]							[Red bar]	[Red bar]		
Weed Spraying of hard surfaces, (carried out by Veolia)			[Orange bar]	[Orange bar]		[Orange bar]	[Orange bar]	[Orange bar]	[Orange bar]	[Orange bar]	[Orange bar]	

Grass will be cut throughout the year, (as and when required), to maintain between 50mm and 60mm. The normal grass cutting regime will commence at the end of February with fortnightly cuts from the end of May to end of July.

Shrub and rose beds will be subject to formative pruning throughout the summer period to ensure adjacent pathways, windows or doors are kept free from obstructions. They will also be maintained to 95% free of weeds.

Our shrub beds are improved in the autumn, this can include planting bulbs and topping up with new plants to gap up existing beds to maintain a full and healthy shrub bed.

Main shrub bed works including pruning are done through the winter months, this is when shrubs are pruned back more heavily and beds tended too.

Rose beds will also be pruned in spring in accordance with best horticultural practice and a light prune in autumn to prepare them for the winter.

Trees are inspected every four years and maintenance can include pruning, cable bracing, pest and disease control and felling only where there are arboricultural reason. Trees located in private front or back gardens are your responsibility.

Tree removal or pruning will **not** be undertaken to:

- Improve reception for satellite TV reception
- Increase amount of sunlight reaching properties or gardens
- Alleviate seasonal or naturally occurring problems, eg falling leaves, fruit, seeds or berries, bird droppings
- Allow for vehicle crossovers, except in extenuating circumstances