

Parks and Public Open Space Core Standards

Classification of Area	Treatment	Target Frequency	Previous Standard
Grass in Parks, Children's Play areas and other tended public open space;	Mowing. Grass clippings left on site.	2 weeks	3 weeks
Highway verge -urban	Mowing. Grass clippings left on site. (Daffodil leaves only protected from mowing when planted in back 1/3 of verge)	3 weeks	5 weeks
Highway verge – rural	Flail Mowing, 1m width from the highway plus visibility splay where needed for road safety. Grass clippings left on site.	2 per year	2 per year
Municipal Cricket Pitches	Rolled Grass cuts per week: wicket table outfield Drag brush, - up to Scarify Spike or hollow tine Top dressing general Fertiliser Additional treatments available at clubs expense e.g worm kill, moss kill fungicide.	1 x per week 3 x per week 1 x per week 1 x per week 3 x per week 2 x per year 1 x per year 1 x per year 1 x per year	5 x per week 5 x per week 1 x per week 1 x per week 5 x per week 2 x per year 2 x per year 1 x per year 2 x per year No charge made
Municipal Bowling Greens	Drag brush, - up to Grass cut with clippings removed Clip edges/ clear gullies Scarify Spike or hollow tine Top dressing general Fertiliser Additional treatments (worm kill fungicide, moss killer, iron application, etc available at clubs expense	3 x per week 3 x per week fortnightly 2 x per year 1 x per year 1 x per year 1 x per year	5 x per week 3 x per week 1 x per week 5 x per year 1 x per year 1 x per year 2 x per year No charge made
Croquet Pitch	As per cricket outfield		
Football and Rugby Pitches	Walk over, divot replace and repair Mow Rolled, Slitted Chain Harrowed Over seed worn areas	1 x per week 1 x per week 2 x per year 1 x per year 1 x per year 1 x per year	1 x per week 1 x per week Varies 1 x per year 1 x per year 1 x per year

Municipal Cemeteries	Mowing lawned areas and main paths	Fortnightly	3 weeks
	Strim kerb edged graves	Fortnightly	3 weeks
	Dig graves within 48 hrs notice, subject to the absence of prior bookings.	48 hrs	48 hrs
	Top up sunken graves	Within 4 weeks of need being visible	No target defined
	Ensure monument and headstone safety including; <i>And</i> bracing stonework in imminent danger of falling over.	Annual detailed checks and 2 weekly visual checks.	Annual Not done
Closed Churchyards	Mow lawned areas and main paths	Fortnightly	3 weeks
	Mow between graves where compact tractor fits,	Fortnightly 2	3 weeks
	Strim or spray off grass and weed growth in less accessible areas.	Fortnightly	3 weeks
	Ensure monument and headstone safety. By use of warning markers on loose stonework <i>And</i> bracing stonework in imminent danger of falling over.	Annual detailed checks and 2 weekly visual checks.	Annual Not done.
	Formal beds in Parks	Bedding plants; planting out One summer planting and one planting of bulbs	Summer bedding and Spring bulbs
Car parks	Shrub beds Hedging Detritus removal Ditch clearance	TBC	
Changing rooms /pavilions	Clean out	1 x per week	1 x per week
Hedges/ shrubs	Cut back	1 x per year	1 x per year
Litter Bins/Dog bins	Litter/dog bins emptied: Generally Town centres	Weekly Daily	Weekly Daily

Includes those on streets, in parks etc	<p>Dog bins: Generally replace with full sized litter bins unless within 30 metres of full sized litter bin. Remove existing dog bins adjacent to litter bins.</p> <p>Post mounted litter bins: phase out in favour of full sized litter bins.</p>		
Leaf Collection	Urban areas one main leaf collection	1 per year	On request
Town Centre Litter - hand sweep by team	4 main town centres	2 x per day	One barrow man around all day
Pavement Sweepers	4 main town centres	2 x per week minimum	1x per week
	Villages (where footpaths suitable)	2 x per year	On request
Channel sweeper	Main Arterial Roads	6 x per year	
	Other Main Roads	4 x per year	On request
	Minor Roads	1 x per year	
Litter standard – we aim to maintain the following standard the majority of the time.	<p>Town Centres = Grade A = (no litter or refuse)</p> <p>Dense residential = Grade B (substantially free of litter)</p>	No change	No change
Litter response: Litter accumulates at peak times and, when Staff observe it, or the public complain about it, we will respond as follows;	<p>town centres</p> <p>residential areas</p> <p>Other areas</p>	<p>same working day</p> <p>within 24 hours</p> <p>within 48 hrs</p>	24 hours
Fly tipping	Respond within 24 hours 80% of time	24 hours	24 hours
Enforcement Routine Patrol	Visit and inspect every play area issuing Fixed Penalty Notices where littering and fouling offences observed.	1 x per week	None
Enforcement Focus	Where public complaints are most intense, high visibility patrols or stakeouts.	Occasional	None

