

Meeting	Parks and Open Spaces Committee
Date	8 th February 2022
Report Title	Grass and Hedge Cutting Report
Agenda Reference	10
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Officer's Recommendations

There are no recommendations. Please note further information provided verbally due to the Head of Parks & Open Spaces being on annual leave.

Grass Cutting

The grass cutting will commence in late March early April, dependant on weather conditions. The team will push mow and strim some areas to ensure the schedule gets off to a good start.

Internal Team

Hedge Cutting / Tree Maintenance

Shrub beds hard cut back - areas suggested for a hard cut back:

- Gaynor Close to Elstree Way both sides along Shepperton Way
- Honeylight View to Gaynor Close. West side only
- Casterbridge Road at its junction with Queen Elizabeth Drive

New areas of shrub bed to be reduced, due to sight line problems are:

- Emerson Close at its crossing point to Abbey Meads Village Centre
- Exit of Baxter Close onto Shepperton Way, right side only

Shrub / Hedge Cutting / Tree Maintenance

To be carried out to the side of a property in Emerson CI and Wynwards Road. Enquiries still ongoing with Swindon Borough Council about establishing ownership for some trees as reported last month.

External Contractor

The winter schedule is due to finish imminently with the last hedges being cut with the large tractor flail. The loyalty day is due to take place in February 2022. The Head of Parks & Open Spaces will give details of the plan verbally at the meeting.

Electric sit on grass cutting machine

A demonstration of this machine is to be arranged. Other parish councils have been invited to this demonstration.

Repairs / Replacements:

The two grass cutting machines had working hour services 15.11.21