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Shrub bed winter maintenance report

The tractor and side arm flail continues with winter shrub bed and hedgerow work this continues to receive positive feedback from residents. The schedules for the hedge cutting/ shrub bed maintenance and grass cutting are currently on the website. Facebook posts are shared showcasing the before and after photos linking back to the website which has proven beneficial.

The Pond Street area was completed by Friday 15th December, several members of the public thanked the team for the improvements to the area.

The team has moved onto Haydon Wick / Greenmeadow the fourth and last of our main four areas as defined on schedule. This coincided with the start of the second hire period, another three months of the compact tractor and side arm flail until the middle of February.

Pictured below are before and after photos of the car parking area in Coriander Way.





Grass cutting maintenance

Mowing has ceased for the winter, but the team is clearing the border edges and strimming where necessary to aid the mowing process in March/ April time. The maintenance schedule is well defined and takes approximately 3 weeks and 2 days to complete with no bad weather conditions or staffing shortages – this has been helped with the training of additional staff.

Street sweeper maintenance

The street sweeper maintenance programme is in the research stages. The street sweeping operative advises the Head of Parks & Open Spaces every Wednesday of the work completed within the schedule. This has been quite slow due to the leaf fall on the main footpaths throughout the parish. In the summer months, the sweeper follows the grass cutting cycle closely and assists with back up mowing.