

Meeting	Parks & Open Spaces Committee
Date	3 September 2024
Report Title	Parks & Open Spaces Maintenance Schedules
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Officers Recommendations

A) To receive an update on the planned maintenance schedules and grounds maintenance service (attached).

B) To receive a verbal update on the status of the shrub bed regeneration at Elstree Way/Ealing Way Junction in Abbey Meads and consider the next steps.

C) To receive suggestions for hedge and shrub bed removal, subject to public consultation in Autumn 2024.

- A. Shrub bed maintenance schedule updated to take us through to the 22. November 2024
The tractor and side arm were hired for an extra 3 months from 2. September 2024. The conclusion of this extended hire period will lead into the scheduled hire period of December – February 2025. Seasonal staff engaged for this summer season have had their contracts extended to cover the extended hire period of the tractor and side arm. Works will recommence in Abbey Meads w/c 9. September 2024.
The hedge between Trent Road open space and Trent Road flats will commence with an overall of the hedge on 9. September 2024.
- B. Recovery of the three shrub areas at this roundabout has continued and this regrowth will be monitored over the next month. A decision will then be made as to any works required to return the area to a maintainable site. Options are to maintain the regrowth in its current form, partial replant with shrubs, partial replant with shrubs and to return a maintainable grass verge next to the roadside kerbs.
- C. Areas for consideration are,
Rose beds on Shepperton Way.
Shrub Beds immediately next to play areas at Brookfield, Capesthorne, Francomes (subject to any agreement) Galloway, Gaynor, Heaton, Mazurek, Queen Elizabeth, play area and St Francis School.