

Meeting	Amenities & Leisure Committee
Date	Tuesday 9 th February 2021
Report Title	Grass, Hedges and Winter Projects 2021
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Officer's Recommendation

There are no recommendations and to note only.

Grass Cutting

Internal Team

The grass cutting schedule has finished for the season. The team is currently working through the winter project list and clearing the borders ahead of the new season. If the start of the spring is mild (end of February) then some of the areas can be push mowed and strimmed to enable start of the grass cutting season to start off well at the end of March/April (dependent on the weather conditions).

Hedge Cutting/ Tree Maintenance

Internal Team

The team has attended to some footpaths to cut back overhanging vegetation and leaf blow. Areas completed include:

- Two locations in Henchard Crescent
- Chatsworth Road
- Emerson Close to Cagney Drive
- Ulysses Close

Pictures are shared and well received on Facebook, where possible the Council are promoting residents to report areas in need of some attention to tidyup@haydonwick.gov.uk

The team has also carried out some of the grounds maintenance work in KGV Play Area prior to contractors going in to resurface.

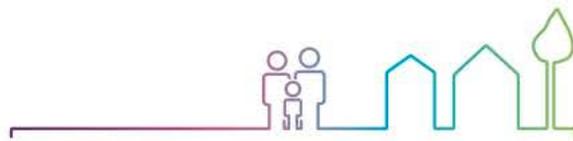
External Contractors

All areas are due to be completed W/C 31st January.

Countrywide Loyalty Scheme for 2021 will take place on Wednesday 10th February. Countrywide will be supplying 2 x operative's and the small side arm tractor. The intention is to concentrate on overgrown areas of bramble in the Zakopane Road, Mazurek Way area.

Services we provide

St John's Church & Fessey House – Cuts at St John's have now finished. Fessey House was not cut this year due to the pandemic.



Vehicle & Machinery Update

Repairs / Replacements:

The two Kubota mowers are at Lister Wilder receiving their winter service any associated costs for small repairs or replacements will be listed in March's report to Committee. The service is included within the terms of the lease.

GX12 ETU was put on the Council's Facebook page for offers of around £200.00. At the time of writing the report, there is still a few days left to receive any offers, but we have received one which was an original offer back in July 2020.

Update on Winter Projects

The team is carrying out some crown lifting/border clearance on areas that could encroach on the mowing schedule when grass cutting resumes in March/April 2021.

A consultation letter will soon be sent to four properties in Hyssop Close advising of the plans to reinstate the archway in the hedgerow leading to the green open space, reinstating part of the pathway and putting in a bench at the top near to the archway.