

Contract for Grass Mowing, Hedge Cutting and General Maintenance Work - 2 March 2019 to 1st March 2022.

1. Overview of Scope

- 1.1. Mow/strim the areas listed below and shown the photos in the appendix
- 1.2. Undertake hedge cutting and minor work on trees as required
- 1.3. Sweeping up of leaves in the autumn and depositing them in the spinney
- 1.4. Odd job maintenance work requiring garden carpentry skills, brick/pavement slab repairs
- 1.5. Occasional litter picking

2. Overview and Performance Standards for grass cutting

- 2.1. The aim of the contract is to provide attractive cut grass and hedges primarily within the Conservation Area of Berkswell Village, Solihull
- 2.2. It is expected that grass cutting will be conducted during the grass growing season that is generally late March/early April to early November but this will vary from year to year and the Contractor will vary its work schedule to take account of growing conditions
- 2.3. Mown areas to be edge strimmed. Vegetation around street furniture, posts etc will also to be strimmed
- 2.4. Hedges and other work will be cut on specific instruction and the contractor will be paid on the basis of quoted day work rates.

2.5. Weekly mowing and edge strimming - category A

This category is for the most visually important areas. The target is to achieve lawn quality appearance with grass lengths generally between 25 and 40 mm.

- Berkswell Village Green

2.6. Two weekly mowing and edge strimming – category B1

This category is for where visual appearance is important but longer grass length is acceptable or desirable. The target is to achieve a "playing field" standard of appearance with grass lengths generally between 25 to 60 mm through mowing with occasional edge strimming.

- Berkswell Well area
- God cake on Lavender Hall Lane Berkswell
- The verge by the telephone box.
- Grass triangle at junction of Waste Lane and Hodgett's Lane
- Around "Berkswell Stone pillars" on Lavender Hall Lane to a distance of 1 metre.
- Car Park island and inside of bank to right of entrance – **note:** if the Council decides to plant the car park island with shrubs and put bark down, rather than grass, there will be no requirement to mow but there will be a requirement to litter pick on a minimum two weekly basis.

- The Pound on Coventry Road. Mowing the verge to the front to create a "lawn effect". Strimming inside to keep weeds down and strimming/brush cutting for about 1 metre to each side to keep neat

2.7. Out of scope mowing and edge strimming – Responsibility of Solihull MBC

The following work will be carried out by SMBC and is not the responsibility of the contractor:

- Verges on Lavender Hall Lane out of the village towards Hallmeadow Road
- Verges from Rose Cottage to Meriden Road
- Verge opposite Pound Close on Coventry Road
- Verges from Lavender Hall Road/ Coventry Road up to Butchers House/ Priory
- Small verges outside some residential properties on Lavender Hall Lane.
- Verges out of the village on both Spencer's Lane and Meriden Road
- Verges at entrance to Pound Close, off Coventry Road

3. Hedge cutting and other work

- 3.1. The Parish Council will issue a 'request for quote' for hedge cutting and other work via email. The contractor should respond to this request within 3 working days giving a quote confirming the scope of work, when the work could be undertaken, the man hours required, any additional materials required and the price, based on the "day work rates" stated below.
- 3.2. The cutting of hedges, the occasional additional vegetation removal and general maintenance work, will be undertaken on "day work rates" (fixed for the duration of the contract).

Day work rates include equipment for strimming, mowing, hedge cutting, sapling removal and other general gardening style work. A sapling is a tree of less than 9 cm in diameter. The removal and disposal of all cut grass/vegetation resulting from day work is also included in these rates.

4. Removal of cut vegetation

The contract price includes provision for the removal and disposal of all cut grass/vegetation resulting from the regular strimming/mowing.

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Photos to define the areas for mowing within the village of Berkswell

These photos exclude the triangle of land at the junction of Waste and Hodgett's Lane which is also covered by the contract



The village green



Well area1



Well area 2



Well area 3



God cake Lavender Hall Lane



Bank to right inside of car park entrance - view 1



Bank to right inside of car park entrance view 2



Island in car park

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The Pound on Coventry Road including the verge in front and about 1 metre to the sides and rear is included



The area around the telephone box from the adjacent house drive to the bin is included



Green at the junction of Waste and Hodgett's Lanes