Streetcare schedules Meriden Ward

1. Balsall Common

1.1. **Litter picking pavements and verges** – day 8 in a cycle of every 10 working days
1.2. **Grass cutting** – day 8 in a cycle of every 10 working days in the grass growing season
1.3. **Road sweeping** – a 30 working day cycle (varies between day 28 and day 29 of cycle depending upon the road)
1.4. **Leaf sweeping** – done as part of road sweeping for most areas but the following get a special extra leaf sweep because of high tree cover
  1.4.1. Balsall Street east,
  1.4.2. Gypsy Lane,
  1.4.3. Hallmeadow (new from 2023)
  1.4.4. Kelsey Lane,
  1.4.5. Kenilworth Road within Balsall Common
  1.4.6. Needlers End Lane,
  1.4.7. Station Road.
1.5. **Weed spraying** – 3 times per year
1.6. **Council hedges** – once per year November to March

2. Rural parts of Balsall, Berkswell and Meriden parishes

2.1. Outside villages listed below
  2.1.1. Grass mown 3 times per year
  2.1.2. Litter picked on "non fast" roads every six weeks (30 working day cycle)
  2.1.3. On fast roads litter is picked 3 times per year when the grass is mown and lane closures are in place for safety

2.2. **Berkswell village**
  2.2.1. Grass cut during season on day 8 of 10 working day cycle
  2.2.2. Litter pick day 8 of 10 working day cycle
  2.2.3. Road sweeping on day 29 of 30 working day cycle.
  2.2.4. Weed spraying – 3 times per year

2.3. **Meriden village**
  2.3.1. Grass cutting in season on day 9 of 30 working day cycle
  2.3.2. Litter pick on day 9 of 30 working day cycle
  2.3.3. Road sweeping on day 27 of 30 working day cycle,
  2.3.4. Weed spraying – 3 times per year

2.4. Millisons Wood
  2.4.1. Grass cutting in season on day 10 of 10 working day cycle
  2.4.2. Litter picking on day 10 of 10 working day cycle
  2.4.3. Road sweeping on day 27 of 30 working day cycle
  2.4.4. Weed spraying – 3 times per year

2.5. Oakley
  2.5.1. **Grass cutting** – day 7 in a cycle of every 10 working days in the grass growing season
  2.5.2. Litter picking- day 7 in a cycle of every 10 working days

2.5.3.Road sweeping - Road sweeping on day 30 of 30 working day cycle.
2.5.4.Weed spraying – three times a year

3. Council owned hedges anywhere in rural area

Once per year November to March

4. Path edging

Every three years in built up areas where grass in cut every 10 days. Every year for paths in the countryside alongside verges cut 3 times a year.

Definitions

A working day, is any day when the council does work. It excludes weekends, public holidays, days lost due to inclement weather or machinery breakdown. Basically, it is a two weekly cycle but the cycle slips a day whenever a Monday to Friday becomes a non-working day. That is typically public holidays but also involved severe weather and if mechanical equipment is inoperable.

Most hedges are the responsibility of the bordering landowner and not the council.

High speed roads are those with speed limits typically over 40mph where there is no pavement. However, some 40 mph roads are not considered safe to litter pick without a road closure.

Please note this is a summary guide. Each road in the ward has a defined schedule built into a computer planning system. This tries to explain the principles.

This is what the new contractor is using starting in 2022. It may or may not have applied to individual streets before and there were service delivery issues historically.

The SMBC website enables residents to check on individual streets road sweeping schedule.

https://solihullcouncil.custhelp.com/app/smbc/dio/request_it/forms/transport_highways/request_mechanical_sweeping#:~:text=We%20sweep%20roads%20on%20a,autumn%20we%20do%20additional%20sweeping.

More information on grass cutting and leaf sweeping can be found here https://www.solihull.gov.uk/Roads-pavements-and-streetcare/Verge-and-hedge-maintenance#:~:text=We%20cut%20the%20grass%20on,changes%20according%20to%20the%20weather.

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