

**NESTON TOWN COUNCIL
CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION AND
MAINTENANCE OF FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS
SPECIFICATION (January 2018)**

HANGING BASKETS

Prepare and supply 23 16" hanging baskets using quenchers.
Various locations in the Neston town centre and Little Neston areas.
Baskets to be filled with perennial planting and variegated greenery to achieve a variety of colour (two plantings per year).
Take down and install all hanging baskets and secure with steel tie through chain to bracket/tree.
Remove all rubbish and debris.
Regular watering, feeding and maintenance of hanging baskets throughout the year at a rate to maximise the quality and longevity of the display.

Watering of three hanging baskets in Parkgate (Mostyn Square) throughout the year at an appropriate rate to maximise the quality and longevity of the display.
NB watering only – planting and maintenance undertaken by volunteers.

PLANTERS

Parish Church

Restoration of existing wooden planters

There are currently six wooden planters, one of which is damaged. The number of planters to be reduced to five and lined where necessary. Please itemise this restoration separately within the quotation.

Planting and maintenance

Supply plants and plant five existing wooden planters.
Remove all rubbish and debris.
One planting per year using low maintenance perennial planting under-planted with bulbs.
Watering, feeding and maintenance of planters throughout the year at an appropriate rate to maximise the quality and longevity of the display.

Town Hall

Supply plants and plant three existing stone planters outside Neston Town Hall.
Remove all rubbish and debris.
One planting per year using low maintenance perennial planting under-planted with bulbs.
Watering, feeding and maintenance of the planters throughout the year at an appropriate rate to maximise the quality and longevity of the display.

Bushell Fountain

Restoration of existing planters. There are currently two-tier wooden planters to the four sides of the fountain covering the stone steps. These planters (over 20 years old) are in a poor state of repair and need to be replaced by planters made of a more robust composite material. The exact configuration of replacement planters will need to be determined once the existing planters have been removed and the condition of the stone steps assessed.

Removal and replacement of current planters

Please cost the following two options and itemise separately within your quotation:

- (a) Option 1 – remove existing planters. Replace with four two-tier planters following the current configuration.
- (b) Option 2 – remove existing planters. Replace with four single planters (one on each side of the fountain).

Planting and maintenance

Please cost the following two options and itemise separately within your quotation:

- (a) Option 1 – supply plants and plant four planters (two-tier planting on four sides).
Remove all rubbish and debris.
One planting per year using low maintenance perennial planting under-planted with bulbs.
Watering, feeding and maintenance of the planters throughout the year at an appropriate rate to maximise the quality and longevity of the display.
- (b) Option 2 - remove existing planters. Supply plants and plant four planters at the Bushell Fountain (single-tier planting on four sides).
Remove all rubbish and debris.
One planting per year using low maintenance perennial planting under-planted with bulbs.
Watering, feeding and maintenance of the planters throughout the year at an appropriate rate to maximise the quality and longevity of the display.

Parkgate

Two troughs (Mostyn Square) and one round planter (Middle Slipway).
Regular watering of the planters throughout the year at an appropriate rate to maximise the quality and longevity of the display. NB watering only – planting and maintenance undertaken by volunteers.

Neston Railway Station

Supply plants and plant six existing large planters and seven existing wooden half barrels
Remove all rubbish and debris.
Two plantings per year and monthly maintenance.
NB planting and monthly maintenance only – watering undertaken by volunteers.

ADDITIONAL MAINTENANCE

Welcome to Neston Signs – Hinderton Road, Liverpool Road & Parkgate Road

Planting of colourful seasonal bedding plants and structure plants beneath three signs.

Two plantings per year.

Monthly maintenance of the planting.

Welcome to Parkgate Signs – Parkgate Road & Boathouse Lane

Planting of colourful plants and structure plants beneath two signs.

Two plantings per year.

Monthly maintenance of the planting.

Ivy Farm Drive – Neston Town Council Noticeboard

Planting of colourful plants and structure plants.

Two plantings per year.

Monthly maintenance of the planting.

Ness (approx. 4m x 4m)

Planting of colourful plants and structure plants.

Two plantings per year.

Monthly maintenance of the planting.

West Vale (approx. 4m x 4m)

Planting of colourful plants and structure plants

Two plantings per year.

Quarterly maintenance of the planting.

Raby Road approach to railway station

Triangular bed with access path, weed suppressant membrane, bark chips and perennial planting.

Quarterly maintenance of the planting.

NOTES

The contractor will be required to provide all access equipment, watering equipment and tools suitable to carry out the tasks, including the removal of all rubbish and debris.

In all instances, the contractor will be required to brush away any excess water.

The contractor will be required to risk assess all tasks within this specification and provide method statements as appropriate.

The contractor must be able to provide copies of both public/product liability insurance (minimum cover £5 million) and employer's liability insurance (minimum cover £5 million).

Payment will be made monthly in arrears upon production of an invoice and details of work completed.