

**Leicester Forest East Parish Council's Grounds Maintenance Specification
For 01.04.2025-31.03.2028**

Leicester Forest East Parish Council is looking for a grounds maintenance contractor to maintain the council's two parks, playing fields, parish hall grounds and MUGA from 01.04.2025-31.03.2028.

Parish Hall

Task	Frequency
To use a pet and child safe weed killer to treat all weeds on the path around the entire parish hall, MUGA and at edges of the parish hall (please note works to slightly increase the path length are due to be carried out later this year so this needs to be accounted for). This also includes the parish hall and Somerfield Way car parks. All hard standing areas to be weed treated also.	As necessary to ensure weeds are kept at bay.
To treat weeds, mow and strim the verges on either side of the parish hall car park, being careful not to damage saplings in situ.	16 times a year.

Kings Walk (a.k.a.) Spider Park

Task	Frequency
The whole of the park to be mowed, including strimming around all obstacles as necessary. The area to be mowed must be litter-picked before mowing/strimming.	16 times a year, to be mostly completed through the summer months.
Flail/shear vegetation along the boundary fence.	Annually.

Hand shear vegetation on the biking mound to ensure it is safe to use.	Annually.
To flail where needed, for example, around the gym equipment.	Annually.
To raise the crown height of trees. Ivy/suckers to be removed also.	As necessary to ensure tree crown heights are kept at a safe height and to prevent trees having ivy etc growing on them.
To use a pet and child safe weed killer to treat all weeds on the paths.	As necessary to ensure weeds are kept at bay.

Forest East Park

Task	Frequency
The whole of the park to be mowed, including strimming around all obstacles as necessary. The area to be mowed must be litter-picked before mowing/strimming. The slim area between the perimeter paths and hedge must also be mown/strimmed. The grass must be kept short for sports played on the playing fields.	16 time a year, to be mostly completed through the summer months.
OUTSIDE OF BIRD NESTING SEASON the side and top of all hedges around the playing fields must be flailed, as must all other boundary hedges. This is also to include the hedges on the Somerfield Way car park.	Annually.

Wooded areas to be roughly cut once a year only, after the bulbs have flowered.	Annually.
To raise the crown height of trees. Ivy/suckers to be removed also.	As necessary to ensure tree crown heights are kept at a safe height and to prevent trees having ivy etc growing on them.
Paths to be sliced if necessary.	Annually.
To use a pet and child safe weed killer to treat all weeds on the paths.	As necessary to ensure weeds are kept at bay.
Whole orchard area to be cut	Annually, after wild flowers have flowered
Whole orchard area – grass, wavy path to be mown on both sides of orchard area, through the trees	16 time a year, to be mostly completed through the summer months.
Somerfield Way car park – to be kept free of weeds	As required