

Description of types of Grass cutting- by section

Section A- Rough Cut

This section requires one or two cuts (flail September) on these areas which are being left for the establishment of wildflowers and increase in biodiversity. See maps for areas.

A1-Chapel fields rear field specific section is cut in early March, then left until mid-September. Please see map showing grass cut paths and square cut (for children's football play)- more frequent cuts (C2)

A2- These sections on Millbridge Brook Meadows are to be cut early March, then left until late September- see plan (called orange areas)

A3- Areas adjacent to the brook channel (riparian channel) to be mown early, to enable growth of wildflowers through the season.

A4-Copse undergrowth- mow underneath canopy March and September (2m in from path (uneven ground)

A5- Lower Field- excluding Tiny Forest and Wildflower area- February (to be advised) and September (see map)

Section B- Rough Cut- Seven cuts through the season, two in May and two in June- see maps for areas.

B1- Village Outer verges_(No cut to Station Road section and Mill Hill WF- see map)

B2- Log Field grass- Open field to west of the village

B3- Strim Millbridge Brook Meadows and Lower Field hard pathways_ 1 metre either side, including the Recreation Field- to keep grass growth off the edges of the pathway

B4- Removed – amalgamated into D5 – all grass pathways

B5- Millbridge Brook Meadows and Lower Field_ LG Amenity areas (7 cuts) – grass areas but not picnic areas which are classed as D4 see map

B6- Northfield Close Open space- cut around trees (7)

B7- Baptist Chapel, Stocks Lane- cut around gravestones and trees (7)

Section C- Fine Cutting- Ten cuts (approx. every 2-3 weeks) 2 weeks in May and June

C1- The Pitt, Waresley Road- also around the trees and benches

C2- Chapel Fields football square and mown path access (perimeter, and alongside properties down to Millbridge brook Meadows

Section D- Fine Cutting (15 cuts)- Fifteen cuts -every 2 weeks through growing season- see maps for areas.

D1- Inner verges including Murfitt Way, Manor Road, Avenalls Way and Grays Rd verges- see map of inner verges.

D2- Queen Elizabeth 2 Recreation ground- fifteen cuts to keep field and football playing surface short and acceptable playing surface.

D3- The Butts Play area, Stocks Lane- 15 cuts in and around all play equipment, especially careful on access (sloped) and proximity to young children.

D4- Millbridge Brook Meadows and Lower Field Picnic Areas- in and around picnic area tables and benches

D5- Millbridge Brook Meadows and Lower Field grass pathways- see plan

E Section- Stocks Lane -Open Cemetery (SL)

Grass cutting and strimming in this area is restricted to when there is not a planned burial or interment of cremated remains. The Clerk will notify you of 3 hour durations when cutting and maintenance in the cemetery can not occur. Cut requires both close mowing and strimming around all gravestones, benches, bins and noticeboards, taking care not to damage any memorials.

E1- Stocks Lane cemetery- cut around all gravestones FINE cut (20) every 7 days

E2- Strim- Stocks Lane cemetery-20 times

E3- Hedge cutting in Stocks Lane Cemetery- all boundaries surrounding the cemetery and holly hedge in centre (1) non bird nesting season

E4- Stocks Lane cemetery- path edging to correct width (1)

E5- Weedkiller on hard paths- (2) and under railings (May and September)

F Section- St Marys Field Cemetery STMF- (Open Cemetery)

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F1- STMF- grass cutting around graves, and Cremated remains lawn (15 cuts)

F2-STMF-Access pathways (grass mown paths) central section and alongside Beech hedge path(15) see map

F3- STMF- Phase 2 area(bottom of field) and area adjacent to the brook (2 rough cuts- Early march and mid-September)

F4- Removed (included under F7)

F5- STMF- Path edging-hard paths (1) autumn

F6- STMF- weed killing on hard paths, car park, and entry/exit roadway (2)

F7- STMF- hedge cutting perimeter of cemetery, including Beech hedge alongside path top and both sides (1) Autumn (after bird nesting season).

G- Section- General maintenance tasks (numerous) See maps for areas

G1- Firebreak cuts to Chapel Field and Lower Field (1) These will be requested by the clerk, during spells of dry weather and require a strip width of 3.35m to be cut adjacent to properties on Chapel Field, and strip adjacent to properties next to the community orchard on Lower field.

G2- Weed kill on banks of The Butts play area, and in the Hub car park (2)- to control nettles in the play area and to minimise weed egress on the car park surface.

G3- The Pitt vegetation cut back (1)- Autumn- growth in north corner of the Pitt- control egress to open space.

G4- removal of Lime suckers at base of the limes on The Pitt- (once per season)

G5- Northfield Close Open Space- - edge strim, control bramble and nettles and bindweed (2)

G6- Millbridge Brook Meadows- weed treat shrub beds (1) and hard paths (3)

G7- Various Closed Churchyards-

St Marys- weed treat outside face of churchyard wall, and hard paths within the churchyards (2)

Baptist Chapel Churchyard- weed spray shingle car park and shingle access to Mill Street and hard pathways (2)

G8-Cinques Common- trim trees and shrubs (hedges) as per plan (once per season)

G9- Dogwood and thicket trimming, hedgerows- Millbridge Brook Meadows- (once in late February/ March)

G10- BMX track annual tidy (removal of bramble, nettles, vegetation cut back) (Once per season- March)

H Section- St Marys Churchyard- biodiversity management scheme (no cut in green are- see map)

H1- Blue areas- formal contract- 12 cuts per season, around church hard path edging strip (1m) west side of church

H2- New mown paths- March onwards (12 cuts)

H3- Orange Areas- cut from June onwards (north of church) (7 cuts)

H4- Pink areas- cut early March and then August/September (south and West) (5 cuts)

Section J- Hedge Cutting general areas- additional hedge trimming (once per season in non-bird nesting season- Autumn)- see maps for areas

J1- Green End hedge trim (allotments- highway visibility/safety issue- outside face)

J2- Chapel Field shrub prune (central space in estate (1)

J3- Cut and shape hedge fronting Stocks Lane (The Butts play area) (1)

J4- St Marys Churchyard east boundary with the Church Hall- top and side trim to shape (1)

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