

Crediton Town Council

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CREDITON GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

SPECIFICATION

PEOPLES PARK

To provide grounds maintenance at Peoples Park, Crediton in accordance with Crediton Town Council specifications as detailed below during the period 1st April 2017 and 31st March 2020.

Grass Cutting

Grass cutting with cylinder or rotary mower; 30mm blade height 16 times per year; including cutting around obstructions and trimming to same; leaving arisings but ensuring all public pathways are swept and kept clear of grass cuttings.

Bank Maintenance

Cut banks, hedged or otherwise using a strimmer or hand held hedge trimmer once every calendar month starting in May until the end of October removing all arisings to Contractor's tip.

Hedge Maintenance

Cut hedges as directed by the Town Clerk once per year in October with either shears, hand held hedge trimmer, or tractor mounted hedge trimmer, as appropriate. The severity of the cut shall be such that all growth is removed to the point of the previous cut. On completion of the work the sides shall be wider at the base than the top and the tops shall be level. All litter and debris shall be removed from the hedge and hedge base before leaving the site.

Litter Collection

When on site the Contractor shall collect litter, clean site of all litter and all deleterious material affecting the cleanliness of the site. Dispose all arisings in an approved manor.

Inspect Staked Trees

March and November, check stakes for looseness breaks and decay; re-firm ground damaged due to wind, frost heave or other disturbance, adjust and re-secure ties as required, remove all sucker growth, broken branches and redundant tree shelters as necessary, reporting redundant or broken stakes and dead trees.

Replace Stake and Ties

Remove stake and ties, prepare post hole for and provide and drive new 100mm diameter preserved stake; height to suit tree; re-secure ties; removing all arisings to Contractor's tip.

Weed Control on Kerbs, Paths and Path Edges and Fence Lines

Maintain in a weed-free condition throughout the year. If herbicide is used, once weeds are dead the Contractor shall return to remove them.

Herbicide to Tree Bases

Prepare and apply an approved herbicide around the base of all trees to maintain a 150mm mowing strip.

Leaf Collection

The Contractor shall collect leaves from paths, shrubs, flowerbeds and grass areas as directed by the Town Clerk and remove all arisings to Contractor's tip.

ALLOTMENTS

To provide grounds maintenance at Exhibition Road and Barnfield Allotments, Crediton in accordance with Crediton Town Council specifications as detailed below during the period 1st April 2017 and 31st March 2020.

BARNFIELD ALLOTMENTS

Grass Cutting

Grass cutting the triangular grassed area at the top of the field, the central pathway and turning area, with cylinder or rotary mower; 30mm blade height; once every calendar month starting in April until the end of September; including cutting around obstructions and trimming to same; leaving arisings but ensuring all pathways are swept and kept clear of grass cuttings.

Maintenance of Boundary Fence

Cut vegetation growing at the base of the metal boundary fence bordering Barnfield with suitable cutting equipment, as directed by the Town Clerk, four times per year in March, May, July and September. Leaving arisings but ensuring all pathways are kept clear of cuttings.

Hedge Maintenance

Cut hedges as directed by the Town Clerk once per year in October with either shears or a hand held hedge trimmer, as appropriate. The severity of the cut shall be such that all growth is removed to the point of the previous cut. On completion of the work the sides shall be wider at the base than the top and the tops shall be level. All litter and debris shall be removed from the hedge and hedge base before leaving the site.

EXHIBITION ROAD ALLOTMENTS

Grass Cutting

Grass cutting the two lay down areas with cylinder or rotary mower; 30mm blade height four times per year in March, May, July and September; including cutting around obstructions and trimming to same; leaving arisings but ensuring all pathways are swept and kept clear of grass cuttings.

Maintenance of Boundary Fence

Cut vegetation growing at the base of the metal boundary fence bordering Exhibition Road with suitable cutting equipment, as directed by the Town Clerk, four times per year in March, May, July and September. Leaving arisings but ensuring all pathways are kept clear of cuttings.

Hedge Maintenance

Cut outside of hedge bordering housing estate (from Exhibition Road to Willow Walk inclusive), as directed by the Town Clerk, once per year in October with either shears, hand held hedge trimmer, or tractor mounted hedge trimmer, as appropriate. The severity of the cut shall be such that all growth is removed to the point of the previous cut. On completion of the work the sides shall be wider at the base than the top and the tops shall be level. All litter and debris shall be removed from the hedge and hedge base before leaving the site.

When on site the Contractor shall collect litter, clean hedge of all litter and all deleterious material affecting the cleanliness of the hedge. Dispose all arisings in an approved manor.

UPPER DECK

To provide grounds maintenance at Upper Deck, Crediton in accordance with Crediton Town Council specifications as detailed below during the period 1st April 2017 and 31st March 2020.

Grass Cutting

Grass cutting the triangular grassed area, with cylinder or rotary mower; 30mm blade height; once every calendar month starting in April until the end of September; including cutting around obstructions and trimming to same; leaving arisings but ensuring all pathways are swept and kept clear of grass cuttings.

Hedge Maintenance

Cut hedges as directed by the Town Clerk once per year in October with either shears, hand held hedge trimmer, or tractor mounted hedge trimmer, as appropriate. The severity of the cut shall be such that all growth is removed to the point of the previous cut. On completion of the work the sides shall be wider at the base than the top and the tops shall be level. All litter and debris shall be removed from the hedge and hedge base before leaving the site.

Litter Collection

When on site the Contractor shall collect litter, clean site of all litter and all deleterious material affecting the cleanliness of the site. Dispose all arisings in an approved manor.

Weed Control on Kerbs, Paths, Path Edges, Deck Area, Fence Lines and Walls

Maintain in a weed-free condition throughout the year. If herbicide is used, once weeds are dead the Contractor shall return to remove them.

Leaf Collection

The Contractor shall collect leaves from paths, shrubs, flowerbeds and grass areas as directed by the Town Clerk and remove all arisings to Contractor's tip.

General Maintenance

To remove fallen branches and debris when on site and/or as directed by the Town Clerk.

PLAY AREAS

To provide grounds maintenance at Greenway Play Area and Spinning Path Gardens Play Area, Crediton in accordance with Crediton Town Council specifications as detailed below during the period 1st April 2017 and 31st March 2020.

Grass Cutting

Grass cutting with cylinder or rotary mower; 30mm blade height; 16 times per year; including cutting around obstructions and trimming to same; leaving arisings but ensuring all public pathways are swept and kept clear of grass cuttings

Bank Maintenance

Cut banks, hedged or otherwise using a strimmer or hand held hedge trimmer in March removing all arisings to Contractor's tip.

Hedge Maintenance

Cut hedges as directed by the Town Clerk once per year in October with either shears, hand held hedge trimmer, or tractor mounted hedge trimmer, as appropriate. The severity of the cut shall be such that all growth is removed to the point of the previous cut. On completion of the work the sides shall be wider at the base than the top and the tops shall be level. All litter and debris shall be removed from the hedge and hedge base before leaving the site.

Maintenance of Boundary Fences

Cut vegetation growing at the base of the fencing with suitable cutting equipment, as directed by the Town Clerk, four times per year in March, May, July and September. Leaving arisings but ensuring all pathways are kept clear of cuttings.

Litter Collection

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Inspect Staked Trees

November, check stakes for looseness breaks and decay; re-firm ground damaged due to wind, frost heave or other disturbance, adjust and re-secure ties as required, remove all sucker growth, broken branches and redundant tree shelters as necessary, reporting redundant or broken stakes and dead trees.

Replace Stake and Ties

Remove stake and ties, prepare post hole for and provide and drive new 100mm diameter preserved stake; height to suit tree; re-secure ties; removing all arisings to Contractor's tip.

Weed Control on Kerbs, Paths and Path Edges and Fence Lines

Maintain in a weed-free condition throughout the year. If herbicide is used, once weeds are dead the Contractor shall return to remove them.

Herbicide to Tree Bases

Prepare and apply an approved herbicide around the base of all trees to maintain a 150mm mowing strip.

Leaf Collection

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