

SOUTHWATER PARISH COUNCIL

**Grass Cutting & Grounds Maintenance
Schedule - Downslink Play Area
2026-2029**



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Introduction

Southwater Parish Council owns and operates various open spaces, woodland, leisure and play facilities across the Parish of Southwater.

Downslink Play Area is the largest and most extensive play area that Southwater Parish Council manages. It varies from the other play areas that we manage due to its size and landscaped design, and large sanded play area. These inherent items require a specific management programme. It is the intention to undertake a grounds maintenance and grass cutting contract specific to the Downslink Play Area. The successful contractor will be responsible for carrying out the works to the specification outlined in the documents forming part of the invitation to tender.

Please refer to:

- 1. Invitation to Tender for the Grass Cutting and Grounds Maintenance Contract Downslink Play Area 2026-2029.**
- 2. The Grass Cutting and Grounds Maintenance Schedule Downslink Play Area 2026-2029.**

Map

See Map - Downslink Play Area for Full PDF. Resolution Map



Work Tasks

Area	Tasks	Notes	Frequency Task to be Carried Out
Outside Play Area	Grass Cutting: Various areas as shown in photos including the front and side of play area.	Pic's 1-3	12 p.a. – Between April to March (except between 30 th November to 28 th February) at approximately 2 weekly intervals subject to weather and level of growth.
	Grass Cutting: Clear Back Paths 1m strips Clearing Both Sides of Fence.	Pic's 4-5	12 p.a. – Between April to March (except between 30 th November to 28 th February) at approximately 2 weekly intervals subject to weather and level of growth.
	Grass Cutting: 2-meter Clearance from Perimeter of Fence Excluding Protected Trees (Encased) Rear Long Side of Park Adjacent to Football Field (Grass cut and or/strimmed and left neat and tidy.	Pic's 8-9 (but not limited to)	12 p.a. – Between April to March (except between 30 th November to 28 th February) at approximately 2 weekly intervals subject to weather and level of growth.
	Weed / Shrub / Tidy Beds to include pruning and management of plants. (Planted areas along the pathways and the perimeter of the play area).	Pic's 6-7 (but not limited to)	4 p.a. – Between 1st April – 31st October (April, June, August and October)
	Annual Replenishment of Play Park Wood Mulch – <i>Supply of 4 x bulk bags (per annum) of Play Park Wood Mulch to be included in contract for beds inside & outside of play area. ^{1*}</i> Additional amounts if required to be provided at 'fixed rates'. Prior to replenishment the planted beds must be thoroughly weeded.	Pic's 6-7 (but not limited to)	1 p.a. – October

¹ * Supply of 4 x bulk bags (per annum) of Play Park Wood Mulch to be included in contract for beds inside & outside of play area.

Area	Tasks	Notes	Period & Number of Visits
Inside Play Area	Grass Cutting: various grassed areas including under benches, (to be strimmed if unable to reach with grass mower).	Pic 10 (but not limited to)	12 p.a. – Between April to March (except between 30th November to 28th February) at approximately 2 weekly intervals subject to weather and level of growth.
	Weeds and debris removal including beneath benches and play equipment and around the inside perimeter of the play area.	Pic's 10-15 (but not limited to)	4 p.a. – Between 1st April – 31st October (April, June, August and October)
	Weed / Shrub/ Tidy Beds to include pruning and management of plants. (Planted areas within the play area).	Pic 15, 20 (but not limited to)	4 p.a. – Between 1st April – 31 st October (ideally April, June, August and October)
	Weeds Grass and Debris removal from sanded areas.	Pic's 16-17 (but not limited to)	4 p.a. – Between 1st April – 31st October (ideally April, June, August and October)
	Annual Replenishment of Play Park Sand –Sanded areas Supply of 6 x 1000 kg bags of Play Park Sand (per annum) to be included in contract. Additional amounts (if required) to be provided at 'fixed rates'. (Prior to replenishment the sanded areas must be cleared of weeds/grass/debris & raked through).	Pic's 16-17 (but not limited to)	1 p.a. in month of May (not in half term)
	Cut Back Vegetation Encroaching into Play areas so play area edges are clearly defined. e.g. play train, main sanded area but not limited to.	Pic's 16-17	4 p.a. – Between 1st April – 31st October (April, June, August and October)
	Scrape Back Encroachment from path edges. Path edges to be clearly defined.	Pic's 16-17	4 p.a. – Between 1st April – 31st October (April, June, August and October)
	Removal of Grass and Weeds/ Scrape Back Encroachment – Bridge Walk Steps to show definition of Bridge Walk Steps.	Pic's 18-19	4 p.a. – Between 1st April – 31st October (April, June, August and October)
	Annual Replenishment of Play Park Wood Mulch – <i>* Supply of 4 x bulk bags (per annum) of Play Park Wood Mulch to be included in contract for beds inside & outside of play area.</i> Additional amounts if required to be provided at 'fixed rates'. Beds to be thoroughly weeded prior to replenishment.	Pic's 15,20,21 (but not limited to)	1 p.a. – October

	Wet Pour Areas and Hard Standings to be Cleared of Weeds, Debris, stones & swept.	Pic 24 (but not limited to)	4 p.a. – Between 1st April – 31st October (April, June, August and October)
	Side up from Pathways	Pic's 4-7 (but not limited to)	4 p.a. – Between 1st April – 31st October (April, June, August and October)
	Moss & Weed Spray	Pics 8-9 (but not limited to) Weeds to be removed.	4 p.a. – Between 1st April – 31st October (April, June, August and October)
	Perimeter Fencing to be checked and Reported Back if any Health and Safety Issues	Pic's 8-9 (but not limited to)	4 p.a. – Between 1st April – 31st October (April, June, August and October)
	Safe Disposal of all Rubbish, Green Waste.		Required for all tasks

Photos



Pics 1-3 Grass Cutting Areas



Pics 4-5 (1 metre clearance)



Pics 6-7



Pic's 8-9



Pic's 10-11



Pic's 12-15



Pic's 16-17 Main sanded area and sanded area surrounding play train



Pic's 18-19 Bridge Walk Steps



Pic's 20-21



Pic's 22-23



Pic 24