

## Bluntisham Hedge Cutting Schedule – 2017/18

Hedge No.	Location	Work to be carried out	Month Due	Frequency	Task Owner
1	Meeting Walk - from East Street through to the end of St Mary's Close	<p>Trim all hedges that border the footpath. As you go from East St. to Orchard End it is side up the hedges and keep cut back, no topping out required. The hedge on your left that borders Orchard End top to chest height and side on footpath side. To your right cut back any overgrowth from the gardens that border the path. Then it is top and side the hedge on the left where it borders No 13 Orchard End as you pass along the back of the Chapel. As you turn left and proceed from The Chapel towards Hollidays Road it is top and side both sides of the hedge that borders St Mary's Road and further down ditto to the hedge to the right of the pathway that runs the length of the houses bordering the green in St Mary's Close. Tidy up the right hand side of Meeting walk as you work along it.</p> <p><u>Notes</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The height of the hedge along Orchard End should be no higher than shoulder height where it abuts public open space so that an adult is able to see and be seen over the top of the hedge. Where it abuts private property the height should be maintained at 1.8 metres or to match existing fencing</li> <li>2. The hedge on both sides of Meeting Walk that runs along side St Mary's Road needs to be cut, on the side that faces the houses and the pathway.</li> <li>3. The hedge facing the green in St Mary's Close needs to be cut on both sides and along the entire length, some householders maintain the front of these hedges and these only need to be trimmed where required.</li> <li>4. The hedge along Meeting Walk from East St needs to be cut back to the fence line and topped where possible to increase the light in this area.</li> </ol>	August/September	Annually	Clerk
2	Outer perimeter hedge that runs around the outside of the playing field bordering the dog walk from the Colne Rd car park to the Mill Lane gate.	<p>Top and side trim all hedges to the outside of the dog walk from the school car park until you join Mill Lane to ensure that they don't encroach on the dog walk path. This includes top and side both sides of the hedge that borders the school car park and the old orchard. The maximum height after cutting for all the perimeter hedges should be 1.8 to 2.0 metres.</p> <p><b>Suitable for flailing.</b></p>	August/September	Annually	Clerk
3	Outer perimeter hedge that runs from the Mill Lane car park, along the back of Sumerling Way to Colne Road.	<p>Top and side trim the hedge to the left as you enter Mill Lane car park that runs behind the changing rooms and old village hall, and the hedging around Sumerling Way as you work your way back up to Colne Road. The maximum height after cutting for all the perimeter hedges should be 1.8 metres or to match existing fencing; this includes the hedges that back onto the Sumerling Way properties. <b>Some areas suitable for flailing</b></p>	August/September	Annually	Clerk
4	Allotment Hedge - inside and height to be maintained by the Parish Council, outside of the hedge is the	<p>Maintain to shoulder height and a suitable width so that it doesn't encroach onto the allotments. It is top and side both sides of the hedge that runs along the Mill Lane front of the allotments. It is top and face up the hedge that runs up the right hand side of the allotments as you look up to them from Mill lane. It isn't possible to cut the hedge across the</p>	August/September	Annually	Clerk

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5	Feoffees Hedge - that runs parallel with the field and Earith Footpath Number 1. See note below *	Trim to a reasonable height along the length of the hedge. <b>Suitable for flailing</b>	August/September	Annually	Clerk
6	Colne Road Hedge	Top and side the hedge that borders Sumerling Way along the back of the gas station up to Sumerling Way entrance. Notes 1. The entire length of this hedge needs to be cut back to the back of the footpath where appropriate, including the short run of hedge to Sumerling Way as you stand on Colne Rd looking into Sumerling Way. 2. The hedge behind the electricity station also needs to be included in this cut. 3. This hedge needs to be cut to around 1.3 metres in height along its length.	August/September	Annually	Clerk
7	Inner Dog Walk to include cricket pitch	Top and side the inner hedge that borders the dog walk/recreation field cutting back to approximately 1.4 metres high along full length. <b>Suitable for flailing</b>	August/September	Annually	Clerk
8.	Sumerling Way junction	Small spread of hedge that needs to be topped and sided to 1.8M or to match the fencing.	August/September	Annually	Clerk
9.	Colne Road steps to the entrance to the school	Top and side both sides of the hedge row that borders the footpath on one side and the orchard on the other side, ensure footpath is clear to allow safe pedestrian passage to the school. <b>Suitable for flailing</b>	August/September	Annually	Clerk
10.	Colne Road carpark exit towards the school	Cut back wild hedgerow and ensure that vision splay from the car park exit is clear. <b>Suitable for flailing</b>	August/September	Annually	Clerk
<b>Please note to protect nesting birds it is illegal to cut hedges between 1st March to 31st July</b>					

\* The Feoffees Hedge is located at the end of the Mill Lane track. As you enter the gate at the end of the track the hedge runs the length of the footpath to your right (war memorial bench is to your left) and runs the length of the footpath until it meets the gate that opens onto the A1123. All trimmings must be cleared up at the time of the cut and disposed of appropriately.

### NOTES

The hedges require an aggressive cut as they are now all top heavy, and need to be sided and topped and in the case of meeting walk thinned as they are now starting to encroach on to Meeting walk. The gardens side of meetings walk where there is Ivy need to be aggressively cut back again to stop encroachment on to Meeting walk.

All playing field hedges are suitable for flailing.

Meeting Walk will need to be hand cut

Some of the Colne Road hedges are suitable for flailing.