



Stokesley Town Council

Open Spaces Maintenance and Management Plan 2022/23

This report details the routine maintenance and management carried out on our Open Spaces in the areas of Grass Cutting, Tree Work, Hedge Maintenance and Weed Killing.

It also provides information on the 'No Mow May' initiative with maps showing the areas not to be cut during in May and June. It also details the proposed areas for planting of Wildflowers (subject to approval from NYCC).

GRASS CUTTING

Unless specified there will be 16 cuts per season (between March and October) unless the areas are included in the 'No Mow May' initiative

North Road - recreation ground cut to give a good playing surface. Strimming close up to goal posts, play equipment, tree fences and bollards to be carried out with each cut.

West Green - trees to be kept clear of ground level outgrowth (feathering). Close strimming up to seats, trees etc. to be carried out at the same time.

Leven Banks Estate - the top levels and down the riverbank side to a distance of one metre to be trimmed at every cut. Strimming close up to the bridges, fences, trees and kerbs with every cut.

All bank side to be cut (strimmed) short down to river level once per year. The right hand (NORTH) bank in early July and the left hand (SOUTH) bank to be cut in late August.

This is a conservation area requiring special care. An over edge cut of 30cm in front of the properties of Rosehill Drive will be carried out between July and September.

Special areas where native plants have been seeded/planted will be strimmed in mid-October.

Levenside Stokesley Bridge (i.e. east end) to "Cattery bend".

The 'Old Drying Ground' to be cut as normal. Verges and riverbank top to half way (i.e. 1 metre max) down to river level with every cut. Strimming of north bank and south bank between the Spread Eagle Public House downstream to road bridge including the low level berms on the south bank either side of the road bridge, 4 times from the end of May – care to be taken round plants. Strimming down to river level to be carried out as follows:- North bank at the end of July and the South bank May and September.

Leisure Centre Roundabout and grass verges as shown eight (8) cuts.

Lady Cross (Town entry sign) to Springfield - Please note this grassed area is planted with both crocus and daffodil bulbs – care to be taken. Stokesley Motors roundabout to Meadowfield roundabout grassed areas, verges and grassed areas in front of 'The Mill' in Eastfields.

Stokesley Motors Roundabout sixteen (16) cuts.

Station Road – 6 cuts

From corner of Glebe Road to Nurseries.

Meadowfield Estate - cuts and strimming to be completed at the same time. Grass to be cut close into fences and hedge bottoms, which should be cleared out. Grass to be trimmed back clear of kerbs and footpaths. The grassed areas to the north of the estate up to the hedge running alongside the B1365 Tanton Road to be cut down six (6) times per year commencing 4-6 weeks following completion of daffodil flowering.

Roseberry Avenue - cuts and strimming to be completed at the same time. Grass to be cut close into fences and hedge bottoms, which should be cleared out. Grass to be trimmed back clear of kerbs and footpaths.

Riverslea Estate – cuts and strimming to be completed at the same time. All grassed areas along main road and roads and footpaths leading into this estate; also grassed areas in the cul-de-sacs. Weed control required alongside footpaths. Grassed areas surrounding the spine paths through the estate. Grass to be trimmed back clear of kerbs and footpath and trees to be kept clear of ground level outgrowth (feathering). The footpath at the west side of Riverslea to be strimmed twice a year.

Tameside Estate Areas - including the verges on entry to this estate from Springfield.

Tameside Estate. Tameside itself, westward to Neasham Lane fence and Northfield Drive, south to College Square. Play areas and shrubberies to be kept trim as well as verges.

Tameside Estate. The Acres (road) and Acres footpath. Verges, open play areas, children's play compound and shrubberies.

Springfield Gardens. - cuts and strimming to be completed at the same time. Grass to be cut close into fences and hedge bottoms, which should be cleared out. Grass to be trimmed back clear of kerbs and footpaths.

The Paddock - cuts and strimming to be completed at the same time. Grass to be cut close into fences and hedge bottoms, which should be cleared out. Grass to be trimmed back clear of kerbs and footpaths and the Children's play area

The Acres - cuts and strimming to be completed at the same time. Grass to be cut close into fences and hedge bottoms, which should be cleared out. Grass to be trimmed back clear of kerbs and footpaths and the main grass area.

Woodlands Walk - cuts and strimming to be completed at the same time. Grass to be cut close into fences and hedge bottoms, which should be cleared out. Grass to be trimmed back clear of kerbs and footpaths.

Allen Grove and North Road

All verges.

Meadowland on Fairfield Road – (2 cuts per year) - grass to be collected and removed
Green areas - 16 cuts per year.

Tame Bridge Road (8 cuts) – Area highlighted from White House Farm to Tame Bridge – bridge. This will be subject to review as housing development progresses.

Thirsk Road East side from Malvern Drive to town sign – (8 cuts)

Thirsk Road West side from South of Riverslea footpath exit to main bridge (8 cuts)

Stanley Grove

Strikes roundabout (8 cuts) verges along both sides of A172 to Stanley Grove - south side – highlighted (at a width of 2 feet)

Strikes roundabout to Lady Cross Roundabout verges both side – (8) eight cuts (at a width of 2 feet)

Strikes roundabout along B1365 verges to Tanton Corner – (8) eight cuts (at a width of 2 feet).

WEEDKILLING

Contractors must be professionally qualified for weedkilling using chemicals sanctioned by North Yorkshire Environmental control division only.

The first spraying to take place in late **May** prior to the summer planting of the flower tubs.

The second spraying to take place in **September** whilst the tubs have been removed for the annual fair, either before the fair arrives or just before the reinstatement of the tubs.

Old Market Place – cobbles, under the seats and around the lamp posts.

West Green – the footpaths, under the seats and around the lamp posts.

War Memorial – around the stone edge and the inner area.

Leven Wynd – cobbles.

Stokesley Motors – triangle.

College Square and Fish Shop Corner – around the benches and in particular removing weeds from the inside of the circular benches.

Packhorse Bridge – cobbles.

Levenside North Side Bridge Road to West End – cobbles and benches.

Manor House – paving alongside the house.

Tameside / Meadowfield Roundabout – brick sett surround and the pedestrian refuges.

Allotments – footpath and car parking areas.

North Road Play Park – around the benches and bins, edge of the bowl, base of equipment, fencing and around the stones

Riverslea Estate – Footpaths and cul-de-sac standing areas.

'NO MOW MAY' INITIATIVE

Stokesley Town Council supports the initiative introduced by the Climate Action Group to not cut specific areas to enable pollinator plants to grow and flower and offer vital nectar. Stokesley Town Council have agreed not to cut the following areas for the months of May and June (see below).



The areas will be clearly marked with signs similar to this

The Climate Action will monitor the impact of this scheme and report back.

The areas to be included in the scheme during 2022/23 are:-

Area on footpath between the Riverslea and the B1365 (Map 1)

Area running between the Leven and the rear of The Beeches (Map 2)

Area at the end of Tameside (Map 3)

The corner of The Acres and opposite Woodlands Walk (Map 4)

The area between Pinewood Walk and Tanton Road (Map 5)

Supporting organisations

<https://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/discover-wild-plants-nature/no-mow-may>

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/features/take-part-in-the-no-mow-may-challenge>

Wildlife Trusts

WILDFLOWER PLANTING

The Climate Action Group provided the following areas for potential wildflower planting. The Town Council is supportive of these proposals but would require permission from NYCC and HDC as the land owners.

Junction of Tanton Road and B1365

This location is suitable, provided the visibility strips is mown according to Highway requirements. During spring daffodils flower here and those areas left unmown for a couple of months and a wildflower meadow may be considered an extension. The most appropriate area for wild flowers is likely to be within the trees. This would be a great location as wildlife will benefit from three different zones, hedgerows, trees and wildflower meadow.



Roundabout at the junction of the A172, A173 and B1257

Roundabouts are popular locations for wildflowers, highly visible and easy to manage. Similar to location 2, there is a magnificent spring display of daffodils which means significant areas are left untouched.



Riverslea Estate

This area is the approach to the Riverslea estate on the footpath on to the Thirsk Road. Wildflowers would certainly help increase interest in what is currently an uninteresting grassy area.



Wide verge between Stokesley and Tame Bridge

This would be a good location, there is a hedgerow and trees nearby which will help to contribute towards biodiversity. Because the land slopes downwards from the road to the hedge, drivers visibility will not be an issue.



The Town Council also agreed to plant an area on the North Road Play Park in front of the power station and also an area on Westlands.

TREE WORK

The following planned tree maintenance work will be carried out during 2022/23:-

Rear areas on Page Johnson Estate.

Large field - 10 trees requiring thinning, crown reduction and lift.

Rear of Spingfield Green- 2 trees – routine maintenance.

Acres field - 10 trees -require thinning crown reduction and lift.

Tameside Green - Ash Tree to be removed due to disease.

Levenside - 5 trees require thinning crown reduction and lift.

Other tree work will be carried out as required due to storm damage etc.

Reminder – residents are responsible for the maintenance of trees on their properties.

HEDGE WORK

The following hedge work will be carried out during 2022/23:-

Riverslea Bridge – Hedge Cut back along walk ways, path, road side, 2 bridges - Annually each October.

Tanton Road (next to Church) – Hedge cut back off path, shrub bed pruned and shaped - Annually each October.

Tanton Road (Acres Corner) – Hedge cut sides to (1 metre width) and top to (1.5 Metres height) 2 x annually (May and October) to allow for makeup of hedge and path. In addition, if identified and verified by contractor that side overgrowth becomes an issue in between cuts, Contractor to complete 1 x additional Face up of hedge.

Tanton Road (Triangle) –Face up Hedge off path and cut back to (1 metre width), cut top to (1.5 metres height) and strim grass edges 2 x annually (May and October).

Tanton Road (Strikes Roundabout) – cut back annually each October using Tractor side arm and finished with other hedge cutting equipment to (2 metres height x 1 metre width).

The Paddock –Hedge cut back along walk way, face off path, to (3 metres height x 1 metre width) prune trees – Annually each October.

Preston Way –Hedge cut back along walk way using Tractor Side Arm, finished using other hedge cutting equipment to (1.5 metres height x 1 metre width)– Annually each October.

Tameside – Three hedges cut sides and tops to (1.5 metres height x 1 metre width) – Annually each October.

Side of NFU Office – Hedge face up, Foliage trimmed 2 x annually May and October.

Silver Street – Ivy growth cut back annually each November.

Northfield Drive - Shrub beds adjacent, to 1 metre height x whole width of shrub beds cut around water tanks on corner entrance and through to NFU side pathway – Annually each November.

Rear of The Paddock - Hedge to be partially trimmed by tractor approximately 100 metres long Remainder of hedge cut by hand owing to limited access from tree growth (3 metres height x 1 metre width) – Annually each October.

The Globe, North Road next to Bus stop - Shrub bed adjacent Shape and maintain sides to 1 metre height across whole of bed - Annually each November.

Jackson Drive entrance - Face up hedge 80 metres along path edge to facilitate grass cutting – Annually each November.

The Paddock/Acres Walkway – Face up and cut hedge (1.5 metres height x 1 metre width) 2 x Annually – (June and October).

Jackson Drive Water Tanks – Laurel Hedge – Face up and cut (1 metres height across whole of bed) Annually each November.

Stokesley Play Park – Face up surrounding hedge using tractor driven implement - Annually each October.

Allotments – face up annually in agreement with allotment tenants.

Residents are reminded that they are responsible for the maintenance of hedges and shrubs on their property, and they must ensure they do not obstruct public rights of way.

For further information on any of the above or to report any areas of concern please contact the Town Clerk via e-mail contact@stokesleytowncouncil.gov.uk or telephone 01642 710270.

Stokesley Town Council would like to thank Stokesley Pride In Our Town Association (SPIOTA) for all their hard work in plating the flower tubs, Ziggurat and roundabouts and for all the areas they maintain across the Town. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Town Clerk with your details and she will pass them on to SPIOTA.

MAP 1



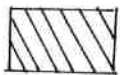
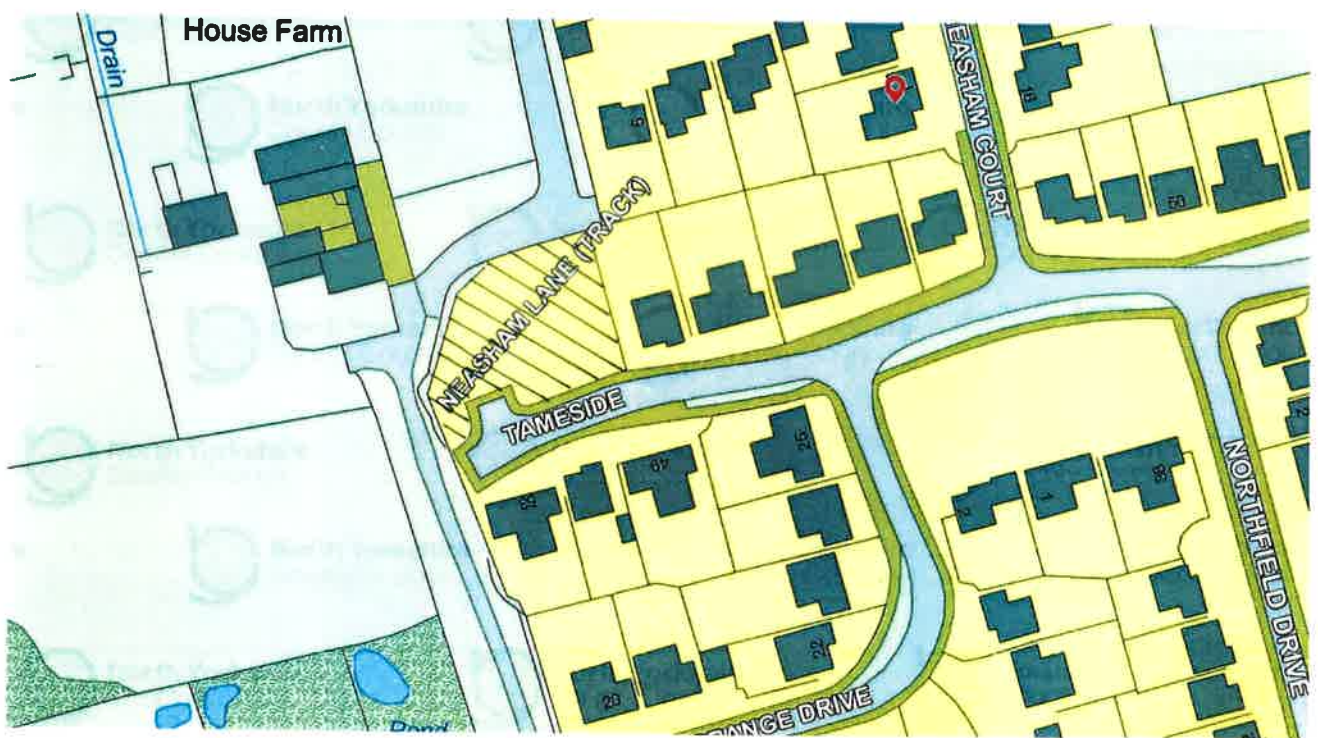
HIGHLIGHTS THE AREA NOT TO BE MOWED DURING MAY AND JUNE

MAP 2



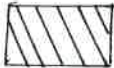
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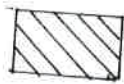
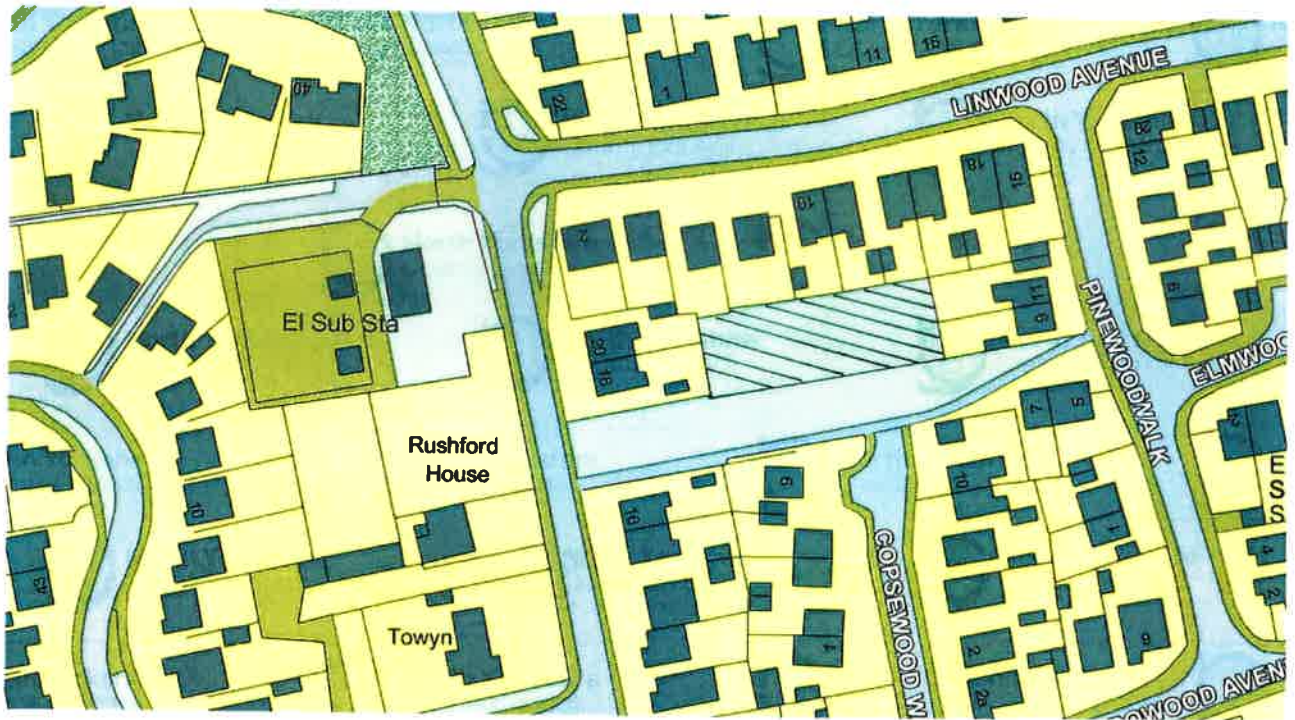
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