

Wadhurst Parish Council Grass Verge Cutting Policy

1. WPC will undertake the urban verge cutting on behalf of ESCC.
2. In keeping with many residents' wishes to maintain the "rural feel" of the village, WPC will manage the verges so as to encourage wildflowers and wildlife.
3. Residents will be kept informed of grass-cutting policy and cutting schedules and given information as to how they can support the process going forward.
4. Road safety and health and safety generally will be paramount.
5. The views of local residents will be taken into account in the process, subject to financial constraints.
6. WPC will work with other community groups, such as Wadhurst Community Gardeners, to support the work the groups are doing to care for our public spaces and increase biodiversity.
7. WPC will work with ESCC to ensure that their quality control requirements are met as required.
8. WPC will work with its contractors to ensure that they comply with this policy.

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WADHURST VILLAGE VERGE CUTTING PLAN May - October 2019

CATEGORY	AREAS	CUTTING REGIME/FREQUENCY
DESIGNATED WILDFLOWER VERGES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corners of Queens Cottages, Bankside and Jonas Lane • Wealdview verges on Cousley Wood Road • Certain verges on Courthope Avenues • Long verge on East side of Cousley Wood Road at Sparrow's Green • Mayfield Lane/Mayfield Park junction • Queen's Cottages • Bankside 	1 cut and clear per year in September/October. Where appropriate monthly mowing of a strip around the verges and/or street furniture such as benches in order to maintain a "managed" look
WADHURST COMMUNITY GARDENER TRIANGLES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gloucester Rd/Old Station Rd • Sparrows Green Rd/Southview Rd • Turners Green Rd/Southview Rd 	No cutting by the Parish Council. These triangles will be managed by Wadhurst Community Gardeners.
VILLAGE GRASS AREA A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High St. • Junction of Turners Green/Balaclava Lane • Steep bank off Sparrows Green Road 	Fortnightly cutting
VILLAGE GRASS AREA B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stone Cross Road • Mayfield Park • The Twitten (if required) 	Monthly cutting
VILLAGE GRASS AREA C	Footpath down to Churchyard allotments	Strimming twice during the Summer
	Jardin d'Aubers	Separately maintained as required.

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STANDARD VERGES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Washwell Lane • Parts of Courthope Avenue • Snape View • West side of Turners Green Road • Parts of Jonas Lane 	2 cuts per year (mid July/early August + mid Sept/end October)
SAFETY REQUIREMENT VERGES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Train station verges • Junction of Weald View/Cousley Wood Road • Mayfield Park/Mayfield Lane 	Monthly cutting of verge sightlines (or otherwise as required)