

West Suffolk Council early Autumn landscape works programme Monday 7 to Friday 11 September 2026

Although we have had rain, the grass has not yet put on enough growth to warrant cutting again and we will therefore wait until the grass has recovered to relatively normal growing conditions. We are likely start some initial grass cutting the week commencing Monday 14 September 2026, depending on the rate of recovery and the height of cut will be no shorter than 50mm or 2 inches.

In the meantime, we will continue to undertake summer pruning and other landscape works which will involve cutting hedges and shrubs, removing epicormic growth from tree bases, clearing footpaths and spraying weed growth.

In all cases, the planned and scheduled work for the next week is dependent on a range of issues including weather conditions, staff, and machinery availability.

If you have a particular area of concern regarding any Landscape maintenance issues, please do not hesitate to phone West Suffolk Council Customer Services Team on 01284 763233. Lines are open 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday (closed weekends and bank holidays) and we will respond to any urgent requests.

Northern area: Brandon, Lakenheath, Mildenhall, Red Lodge and Newmarket

Location	Schedule for the previous week Tuesday 1 to Friday 4 September 2026	Schedule for the week Monday 7 to Friday 11 September 2026
Brandon	Grass cutting suspended due to drought conditions.	Grass cutting suspended due to drought conditions.
Brandon parks and open spaces	Grass cutting suspended due to drought conditions.	Grass cutting suspended due to drought conditions.
Lakenheath	Grass cutting suspended due to drought conditions.	Grass cutting suspended due to drought conditions.
Mildenhall	Summer shrub pruning College Heath Road Emmanuel Close - continued Downing Close - continued Newnham Close - continued Hedge cutting perimeter of Half Moon Park	Summer shrub pruning Wake Avenue – hedge cutting Downing Close and Newnham Close Cutting back hedges and access alleyways – continued

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Freckenham	Grass cutting suspended due to drought conditions.	Grass cutting suspended due to drought conditions.
Herringswell	Grass cutting suspended due to drought conditions.	Grass cutting suspended due to drought conditions.
Moulton	Grass cutting suspended due to drought conditions.	Grass cutting suspended due to drought conditions.
Gazeley	Grass cutting suspended due to drought conditions.	Grass cutting suspended due to drought conditions.
Kentford	Grass cutting suspended due to drought conditions.	Grass cutting suspended due to drought conditions.
Exning	Grass cutting suspended due to drought conditions.	Grass cutting suspended due to drought conditions.
Newmarket urban	Aureole Walk Watering newly established shrub beds Strim and shrub cutting adjacent to bus station Cut back hedges and shrubs to the rear of the Guineas	Watering newly established shrub beds
Newmarket Town Council	Newmarket Cemetery Strimming and grave grounds maintenance	Newmarket Cemetery Strimming and grave grounds maintenance
Newmarket car parks and playgrounds	St Marys Church St Marys closed Churchyard	St Marys Church Lane car park All Saints Churchyard Strim Ice well Hill
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Newmarket recreation grounds and open spaces		
Red Lodge	Flail cutting sustainable drainage system (SUDS) throughout Red Lodge.	Flail cutting sustainable drainage system (SUDS) throughout Red Lodge. Completion Works.

Central area: Bury St Edmunds and Central area rural villages

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Zone 1	Pruning shrubs in Bury St Edmunds town centre car parks Watering summer bedding hanging baskets, and containers Watering newly established shrub beds	Pruning shrubs in Bury St Edmunds town centre car parks Watering summer bedding hanging baskets, and containers Watering newly established shrub beds
Zone 2	Grass cutting suspended due to drought conditions.	Grass cutting suspended due to drought conditions.
Zone 3 urban	Grass cutting suspended due to drought conditions.	Grass cutting suspended due to drought conditions.
Zone 4 urban	Grass cutting suspended due to drought conditions.	Grass cutting suspended due to drought conditions.
Zone 5 central rural	Grass cutting suspended due to drought conditions.	Grass cutting suspended due to drought conditions.
Zone 5 central urban and rural (gang mowing)	Grass cutting suspended due to drought conditions.	Grass cutting suspended due to drought conditions.
Bury cemetery and gang mowed parks and green spaces	Bury St Edmunds Cemetery Strim and cut as needed	Bury St Edmunds Cemetery Strim and cut as needed
Closed churchyards		
Conservation Areas grass cutting		Hardwick Heath Tayfen Meadow Ram Meadow No Man's Meadow

Southern area: Haverhill, Clare, parishes, and rural villages

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Zone 1 Haverhill central	Strimming work Summer shrub pruning Watering summer bedding hanging baskets, and containers	Arts centre car park shrubs Strimming work Summer shrub pruning Watering summer bedding hanging baskets, and containers
Zone 2 Haverhill east	Flail areas cutting, East Town Park Various locations Watering summer bedding hanging baskets, and containers	A143 Haverhill Road mounds Various locations Watering summer bedding hanging baskets, and containers
Zone 3 Haverhill west	Hollands Road industrial area Various locations Watering summer bedding hanging baskets, and containers	Bergamot Road - shrubs Service requests Various locations

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		Watering summer bedding hanging baskets, and containers
Haverhill mowing back round 3	Grass cutting suspended due to drought conditions.	Grass cutting suspended due to drought conditions.
Clare West Suffolk Council and Suffolk County Council areas	Grass cutting suspended due to drought conditions.	Grass cutting suspended due to drought conditions.
Southern parishes and rural villages	Wickhambrook, Meadow Close flail cut and SUDS, shrub cut Ditches cut and strim Conservation field cut and will be collected	Thurlow village
Southern gang mowed areas and sports fields	Grass cutting suspended due to drought conditions.	Grass cutting suspended due to drought conditions.
Cemeteries	Haverhill Cemetery Strim and cut as needed	Haverhill Cemetery Strim and cut as needed
Closed churchyards	Grass cutting suspended due to drought conditions.	Grass cutting suspended due to drought conditions.
Other green space urban and rural	Grass cutting suspended due to drought conditions.	Grass cutting suspended due to drought conditions.
Conservation areas grass cutting completed to date	The Meadows, Wickhambrook Risbridge Meadows, Kedington Haverhill Emperors Green Castle Playing Fields conservation area Bergamot Road open space Millfields Way Chimswell Way Meadowlands open space and Alderton Close, Hales Barn Howe Road SUDS basins Stone Mill Park SUDS basins Quendon Place SUDS basins	