

West Suffolk Council summer landscape works programme for the bank holiday week Tuesday 1 to Friday 4 September 2026

As we continue to experience drought conditions with very little rain, we have suspended normal grass cutting operations throughout the district until such time that weather and growing conditions change. The drought has significantly reduced grass growth by causing top growth to turn brown and restricted root depth. Although this looks serious, the grass will green up once rain returns.

During August and early September, we will continue to undertake summer pruning and other landscape works. This 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 Monday 24 to Friday 28 August 2026	Schedule for the week Tuesday 1 to Friday 4 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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	Aureole Walk	College Heath Road – continued shrub pruning Mildenhall Hub shrubs
Parks and open spaces	Grass cutting suspended due to drought conditions.	Grass cutting suspended due to drought conditions.
Beck Row	Grass cutting suspended due to drought conditions.	Grass cutting suspended due to drought conditions.
West Row	Grass cutting suspended due to drought conditions.	Grass cutting suspended due to drought conditions.
Barton Mills	Grass cutting suspended due to drought conditions.	Grass cutting suspended due to drought conditions.
Worlington	Grass cutting suspended due to drought conditions.	Grass cutting suspended due to drought conditions.
Red Lodge	Grass cutting suspended due to drought conditions.	Flail cutting sustainable drainage system (SUDS) throughout Red Lodge. - continued
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	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 Aureole Walk
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		
Newmarket highway verges	Removing epicormic growth from base of trees Bury Road Old Station Road Hedge cutting and removing brambles – Aureole Walk	Removing epicormic growth from base of trees Newmarket High Street Fordham Road Exning Road verges

Central area: Bury St Edmunds and Central area rural villages

Location	Schedule for the previous week Monday 24 to Friday 28 August 2026	Schedule for the week Tuesday 1 to Friday 4 September 2026
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		

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 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.