

West Suffolk Council summer landscape works programme for the week Monday 17 to Friday 21 August 2026

As we are currently experiencing extreme drought conditions, we have stopped 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, we will be undertaking 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 10 to Friday 14 August 2026	Schedule for the week Monday 17 to Friday 21 August 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 Emmanuel Close Downing Close Newnham Close	Summer shrub pruning Emmanuel Close Downing Close Newnham Close
Parks and open spaces	Grass cutting suspended due to drought conditions.	Grass cutting suspended due to drought conditions.

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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.	Grass cutting suspended due to drought conditions.
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	Watering newly established Shrub Beds
Newmarket Town Council	Newmarket Cemetery Full burial – Wednesday 12 August 1.15pm	Newmarket Cemetery Full burial – Thursday 20 August 8am
Newmarket car parks and playgrounds		
Newmarket recreation grounds and open spaces		
Newmarket highway verges	Removing epicormic growth from base of trees Exning Road Bury Road Old Station Road Fordham Road	Removing epicormic growth from base of trees Exning Road Bury Road Old Station Road Fordham Road

Central area: Bury St Edmunds and Central area rural villages

Location	Schedule for the previous week Monday 10 to Friday 14 August 2026	Schedule for the week Monday 17 to Friday 21 August 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 George Lambton Playing Fields Erecting goal posts	Bury St Edmunds Cemetery George Lambton Playing Fields initial marking out for start of football season.
Closed churchyards		

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

Location	Schedule for the previous week Monday 10 to Friday 14 August 2026	Schedule for the week Monday 17 to Friday 21 August 2026
Zone 1 Haverhill central	• Strimming work • Summer shrub pruning • Watering summer bedding hanging baskets, and containers	• Strimming work • Summer shrub pruning • Watering summer bedding hanging baskets, and containers
Zone 2 Haverhill east	• Flail mowing • Various locations • Watering summer bedding hanging baskets, and containers	• Flail mowing • Various locations • Watering summer bedding hanging baskets, and containers
Zone 3 Haverhill west	• Flail mowing • Various locations • Watering summer bedding hanging baskets, and containers	• Flail mowing • 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	Grass cutting suspended due to drought conditions.	Grass cutting suspended due to drought conditions.
Southern gang mowed areas and sports fields	Grass cutting suspended due to drought conditions.	Grass cutting suspended due to drought conditions.
Cemeteries	Haverhill Cemetery Internment of ashes Monday 10 August Full burial Friday 14 August	Haverhill Cemetery Internment of ashes Monday 17 August 11.30am Full burial Monday 17 August 1pm Full burial Tuesday 18 August 10am Internment of ashes Wednesday 19 August 10.30am Full burial Wednesday 19 August 11am Full burial Thursday 20 August 1pm
Closed churchyards	Grass cutting suspended due to drought conditions.	Grass cutting suspended due to drought conditions.

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Other green space urban and rural	Grass cutting suspended due to drought conditions.	Grass cutting suspended due to drought conditions.