

West Suffolk Council summer landscape works programme for the week Monday 24 to Friday 28 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 17 to Friday 21 August 2026	Schedule for the week Monday 24 to Friday 28 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 Hedge cutting perimeter of Half Moon Park, Thetford Road and Bury Road inside and outer	Summer shrub pruning Wake Avenue – hedge cutting Downing Close and Newnham Close Cutting back hedges and access alleyways

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	Cleared Plumpton Avenue alleyways	
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
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	Newmarket Cemetery
Newmarket car parks and playgrounds		
Newmarket recreation grounds and open spaces		

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Newmarket highway verges	Removing epicormic growth from base of trees Exning Road Bury Road Old Station Road Fordham Road Hedge cutting and removing Brambles – Aureole Walk	Removing epicormic growth from base of trees

Central area: Bury St Edmunds and central area rural villages

Location	Schedule for the previous week Monday 17 to Friday 21 August 2026	Schedule for the week Monday 24 to Friday 28 August 2026
Zone 1	• Pruning shrubs in Bury St Edmunds town centre car parks • Clearing weeds and pruning shrubs at Fen Way, Bulrush Crescent Water Garden • 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	Bury St Edmunds Cemetery

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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	• Strimming work • Summer shrub pruning • Watering summer bedding hanging baskets and containers
Zone 2 Haverhill east	• Flail mowing completed: ○ Meadowlands Open Space (cut and collect) ○ Howe Road SUDS basins (cut and drop) ○ Stone Mill Park SUDS basins (cut and drop) ○ Castle Playing Fields Conservation Area (cut and drop) • 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	Hedge cutting and shrub pruning	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	Grass cutting suspended due to drought conditions	Grass cutting suspended due to drought conditions

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areas and sports fields		
Cemeteries	Haverhill Cemetery	Haverhill Cemetery
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