

West Suffolk Council summer landscape works programme for the week Monday 10 to Friday 14 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 3 to Friday 7 August 2026	Schedule for the week Monday 10 to Friday 14 August 2026
Brandon		Strimming verges and green space Brandon Road Hillside Woodlands Rise Oaklands Drive Edmund Road Seymore Avenue Field Road Lilac Close The Rookery The Rookery (cul-de-sac) The Drove The Hill Pond Lane

Location	Schedule for the previous week Monday 3 to Friday 7 August 2026	Schedule for the week Monday 10 to Friday 14 August 2026
		The Street White Horse Street Manor Road Tower Close St Peters Approach St Peters Place Princes Close Queens Road Queens Road (cul-de-sac) St Margrets Drive Crown Street
Brandon parks and open spaces		
Lakenheath		
Mildenhall	Lark Road Turnstone Close Kingfisher Way Sanderling Close Raven Close Grebe Close footpath Martins Close Brent Close Nightingale Close Robin Close Wren Close Kingsway East Bury Road Half Moon Park back up Thetford Road Mulbery Close Forest Way Kingsway Footpath beside Maids Head pub Footpath beside cemetery Kingsway west	Summer shrub pruning Emmanuel Close Downing Close Newnham Close
Parks and open spaces	Half Moon Park Wallis court Five-a-side pitch Sainsbury	
Beck Row		

Location	Schedule for the previous week Monday 3 to Friday 7 August 2026	Schedule for the week Monday 10 to Friday 14 August 2026
West Row	Beeches Close Beeches Road	
Barton Mills		
Worlington		
Red Lodge		
Freckenham		
Herringswell		
Moulton		
Gazeley		
Kentford		
Exning		
Newmarket urban	Depot Road Guineas Close Craven Way Laureate Gardens Laureate School Road Corsican Pine Close Houldsworth Valley Estate St Phillips Road Edinburgh Road Valley Way (north) Drinkwater Close Princess Way verges Mandeston Road	
Newmarket Town Council	Newmarket Cemetery All Saints Closed Churchyard St Marys Closed Churchyard St Mary's Closed Graveyard	Newmarket Cemetery Full burial – Wednesday 12 August
Newmarket car parks and playgrounds		
Newmarket recreation grounds and open spaces		

Location	Schedule for the previous week Monday 3 to Friday 7 August 2026	Schedule for the week Monday 10 to Friday 14 August 2026
Newmarket highway verges		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 3 to Friday 7 August 2026	Schedule for the week Monday 10 to Friday 14 August 2026
Zone 1	Urban Nowton Road Nowton Road Nowton Pit Victory Close Bury Park Drive Plovers Way The Curlews Barons Road Hardwick Lane (east) Chichester Close Salisbury Green Lincoln Green Canterbury Green Runnymede Green Boon Close Barons Road Hardwick Lane (west) Rembrandt Way Rembrandt Way Holywell Close Rembrandt Gardens Vinery Way Stonebridge Avenue Vinery Road Stamford Court Horringer Road Out Westgate	Pruning shrubs in Bury St Edmunds town centre car parks

Location	Schedule for the previous week Monday 3 to Friday 7 August 2026	Schedule for the week Monday 10 to Friday 14 August 2026
	Horsecroft Linton Gardens Longacre Gardens Sharp Road Last cut until weather conditions improve	
Zone 2	Urban Fen Way Fen Way Willow Way Sedge Way Spring Lane Parkway south Parkway north Chalk Road south Tayfen Road Tesco interchange Last cut until weather conditions improve	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	Otterwell Road Bartons south Downing Close Winsford Road Radnor Close Bartons north Barton Road Kingsworth Road Pondgrove Close Brackenwood Crescent Leabrook Close (by footbridge) Haselmere Close Emsworth Close Midhurst Close Laywood Close Brayfield Close	Grass cutting suspended due to drought conditions

Location	Schedule for the previous week Monday 3 to Friday 7 August 2026	Schedule for the week Monday 10 to Friday 14 August 2026
	Eastgate Unicorn Place Eastgate Street East Close Hollow Road Eastern Way St Nicholas Close Chapel Pond Hill pathway Holderness Road Last cut until weather conditions improve	
Zone 5 central rural	Stanton – West Suffolk Council and Suffolk County Council areas The Chase Capell Walk Parkside Grundle Close Old Bury Road Duke Street Catchpole Way Buckles Field North Close Hepworth Road Upthorpe Road The Street Wyken Road Honeymeade Close Sturgeon Way Bury Lane Fordham Close School Close Church Close Barningham Hill Top Way Bishops Croft Jarrold Close Church Road Church Gardens Hopton Road Sandy Lane, village hall	Grass cutting suspended due to drought conditions

Location	Schedule for the previous week Monday 3 to Friday 7 August 2026	Schedule for the week Monday 10 to Friday 14 August 2026
	Last cut until weather conditions improve	
Zone 5 central urban and rural (gang mowing)		
Bury cemetery and gang mowed parks and green spaces	Bury St Edmunds Cemetery Full burial – Tuesday 4 August Cremated ashes – Friday 7 August Gang mowing Howard Park and Oakes Road recreation ground, Howard Oakes Tollgate Playing Fields, Howard St Olaves Nowton Park football pitches	Bury St Edmunds Cemetery Erecting goal posts and 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 3 to Friday 7 August 2026	Schedule for the week Monday 10 to Friday 14 August 2026
Zone 1 Haverhill central	Strimming work Summer shrub pruning	Strimming work Summer shrub pruning
Zone 2 Haverhill east	Flail mowing Burton End, Cleves Road Sustainable drainage system Meldham Washland Howe Road, Withersfield Road	
Zone 3 Haverhill west	Flail mowing Emperors Green	
Haverhill mowing back round 3	Grass cutting suspended due to drought conditions	Grass cutting suspended due to drought conditions

Location	Schedule for the previous week Monday 3 to Friday 7 August 2026	Schedule for the week Monday 10 to Friday 14 August 2026
Clare West Suffolk Council and Suffolk County Council areas	Clare Playing Fields Association Initial marking out	
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	Haverhill Haverhill Recreation Ground Emperors Green Recreation Ground Chalkstone Playing Field Strawberry Fields Field View Chimswell North Puddlebrook Playing Fields Stoke by Clare Recreation ground football pitch, Stoke by Clare Great Thurlow Recreation Ground	Erecting goal posts and initial marking out for start of football season
Cemeteries	Haverhill Cemetery Two interment of ashes – Monday 3 August	Haverhill Cemetery Interment of ashes – Monday 10 August Full burial – Friday 14 August
Closed churchyards		
Other green space urban and rural	Risbridge Meadows Nature Reserve	