

CSNPC Contract report

October 2024

Grounds

We have completed cut 8 and are now a good way through cut 9, we have had a few issues with the weather but will continue cutting until the ground conditions get to bad. On the 14th of October the weather was really bad so rather than send the guys out we carried out health and safety training, this is something we do before moving from grass cutting to winter maintenance and vice versa. The grounds teams are now on winter hours (from Oct 1st) so the last cut and ½ is going to take slightly longer to complete

The dates for previous cuts are as follows,

Cut 1

11/03/24 to 05/04/2024 total of 18 working days to complete

Cut 2

09/04/2024 to 07/05/2024 total of 20 working days to complete. During this cut we had to pull off for 2 days so we could plant the trees at Mannington Rec.

Cut 3

13/05/2024 to 05/06/2024 Total of 17 working days to complete. We were a couple of days late starting this cut as we had numerous tasks to get completed at Penhill Gardens ready for the Green Flag assessment

Cut 4

07/06/2024 to 02/07/2024 18 days to complete, held back by team members being on leave

Cut 5

03/07/2024 to 23/07/2024 15 days to complete, as mentioned above the weather has been on our side which in turn has made this cut run reasonably smooth

Cut 6

26/07/2024 to 20/08/2024 total of 18 days to complete.

Cut 7

23/08/2024 to 17/09/2024 total of 18 days to complete

Cut 8

18/09/2024 to 18/10/2024 23 days to complete, progress hampered by weather and dropping hours due to seasonalised working pattern

At the time of writing this report the forecast for the next 2 weeks is settled so I'm hopeful that we can crack on and get the last cut in.

Street Scene

The mobile street scene crews have been busy over this period carrying out litter picking and bin emptying, at the time of writing this report they have taken **10,420kg** of general waste (bins, litter and small fly tips) and **2,840kg** of green waste to the tip, these figures are taken from the weighbridge receipts and are a combined total from all 3 teams. We are still in the process of auditing the bins across the contract, I'm hoping to have this completed in the next few weeks.

The Sparkle team have been super busy as always, most of the photos posted on the CSNPC Facebook page showing grounds works have been completed by this team. The areas they have worked in since the last meeting are as follows

- Moredon – Litter and alley clearances were the primary focus
- Penhill – we spent 10 days in this ward area and targetted a few of the alleys
- Gorsehill – litter, shrub works and leaf fall

The team are currently working their way through Pinehurst and the focus is on litter and leaf clearances, where possible they will be linking up with the sweeper. On the 22nd of October we directed the sweeper and sparkle team to Pinehurst Road ahead of schedule to carry out a leaf sweep as the footpaths were covered, the sweeper took 2,000kg (aprox) of detritus and leaves from this road alone.

Below are a few photos of works carried out by this team, appreciate that some of these have already been posted on the socials

Ansty Walk (Penhill)



Detritus clearnaces Cricklade Road (Gorsehill)



Detritus clearance Beech Ave (Pinehurst)



Leaf sweep Pinehurst Road (Pinehurst)



At the time of writing this report we are 7 days in to the 2nd mech sweep, we have completed Moredon, Whitworth Road including joining roads and Penhill. We are currently working our way through Pinehurst as I type. So far we have lifted 12,300kg from the areas we have worked to date.

The break down by ward area is as follows

- Moredon 3,420kg
- Whitworth Road and Penhill 5,880kg
- Pinehurst Road 2,000kg

I received an email in the CSNPC inbox from a resident of Montagu St, this person was concerned about leaves blocking the drains along the road as last year theirs and other houses flooded due to heavy rain fall which was unable to drain due to blocked gullies. I have proposed that we attend this road on the 7th of November at 10am to carry out a thorough sweep, to enable this I have asked the Ops Manager if the Parish could carry out a mail drop along this road to advise residents and if possible could they move cars to enable full access.

This current sweeping program is for a period of 15 days and will end on 8th of November, through the final week I will be assessing the leaf hot spot areas to see if we bolt the 10 leaf sweep directly after or hold off for another week to enable the majority of leaves to drop, the Ops Manager will be kept in the picture and will make the final decision as to when he would like us to carry this out.

Works completed and coming up

We have now completed the wild flower seeding at St Marks Park and The Venny, really looking forward to these blooming in spring 2025. I am in the process of pricing up further whip and tree planting across the contract area, the proposal will be sent to Caroline Hunt at SBC for approval with a view to commencing works mid to late November.

