

CSNPC Contract report

January 2025

Grounds

The shrub teams are going well and we are on track to have all completed in time for grass cutting. Team 1 are currently finishing off Penhill and team 2 are just going in to Gorsehill, once these areas are completed they will both converge on Pinehurst, in envisage them to be in Pinehurst by the 10th of February. During this month we spent 3 days working on the shrubs and hedges around the new skate park, any time left after shrub pruning and prior to commencement of grass cutting will be spent in this area tidying up as best we can. The weather has not helped us these past few days, the torrential downpours and subsequent ground conditions have caused us to slow up a little.

The completion percentage for the 2 teams working shrubs and hedges is as follows

Shrub Team 1	Shrub Team 2
Shrubs 74%	Shrubs 40%
Hedges 57%	Hedges 42%

Through January we have taken 6,940kg of green waste to the tip, most if not all of this has been generated from shrub and hedge works.

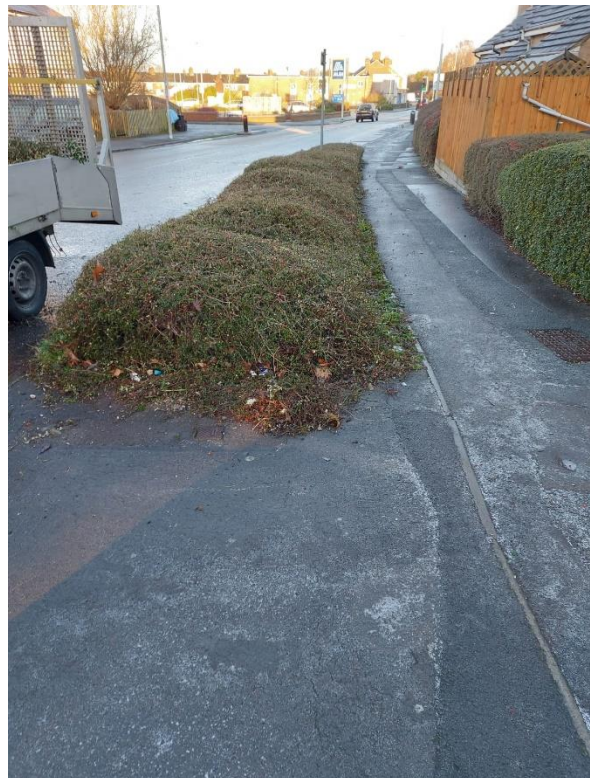
Fyefield Avenue before and after



Westwood Road before and after



Rodbourne Road Road before and after



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 10,180kg of general waste (bins, litter and small fly tips) While we've seen a reduction in bin usage this month litter has been on the rise, especially on the Penhill Estate and some parts of Pinehurst. Some of this litter is down to recycling collections and the overhang from Christmas (I witnessed a recycling team working down Lime Ave throwing bags in to the lorry, some bags split and debris was left in situ) I am giving the mobile teams hot spot areas to carry out litter picking to enable us to catch up, with either myself or my Supervisor checking during and after the work has been reported as complete. We currently have one of the team off sick and this is causing some operational issues, but to support I have periodically taken one of the grounds team of their usual works to assist the litter teams.

Joint inspections for 2025 with the Ops Manager have recommenced this week (27/01), and so far we have walked the following areas;

- Great Western Flyer 27/01/25

Minimal litter on site at time of inspection, but a fair bit of graffiti on lamp columns and posts. Ops Manager has requested a price for this area to be brought in to contract, as it stands this footpath is not mapped for us to maintain.

- Rodbourne 28/01/25

Again minimal litter on the roads we walked, but fresh weed growth along wall lines was evident. The Sparkle team spend time in Rodbourne each week carrying out litter picking and other tasks, one area which they will be dealing with during week commencing 01/02/25 will be the bottom of Redcliffe St, lots of detritus and some bramble encroaching the bin next to alley way leading to Saltash Road

- Goreshill 29/01/25

Some fresh litter along the roads we walked but nothing alarming, as above the sparkle team spend time keeping on top of litter in the area. We also noted a couple of areas which required litter picking, I put these tasks to the sparkle team who came and cleared shortly after, this was an easy win for me as they were already in the area sorting some windblown leaves at the bottom of Edinburgh St.

The ops manager and I have further inspections in the diary for Penhill, Moredon and Pinehurst, these will be carried out week commencing 03/02/25.

I find these joint inspections to be useful and would like to continue through the year.

The Sparkle team have been super busy as always, as stated above we are up against it with litter so these guys have also been helping out with this. As and when emails come in requesting street scene tasks to be completed I have issued to this team for action. A good example of this would be Hunters Grove along Ferndale Road, the resident emailed in to remark on litter and scruffy looking verges, over a period of a few days these guys spent time actioning the points raised, photos of some of the completed works below. As we get in to February we will recommence program as per last year whereby they go around the ward areas and spending a few days at a time working any issues raised.

Hunters Grove – Resident request (continued on next page)





Clive Parade Crossing Island tidy up



Winterslow Road, bramble clearance



Works completed and coming up

We have completed the new planting for 2025, we have planted 1,200 whips and 16 trees in various locations around the Parish, we are now looking at replenishing the old schemes as per funding agreement this will include relocating the trees planted in Mannington last year. Some of these trees have failed due to being held back on planting and the ground conditions shortly after putting them in (areas completely water logged) My focus will be on the grass round and seeing if a more effective route order can be introduced especially for Penhill, I will also be starting the process to on-board seasonal staff for the upcoming grass cutting which is due to start mid-March.

