

CSNPC Contract report

February 2025

Grounds

Shrub and hedge works is going well, and we will be finished with the last few sites before we commence grass cutting mid-march.

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

Shrub Team 1		Shrub Team 2	
Shrubs	96%	Shrubs	96%
Hedges	94%	Hedges	83%

The sites outstanding by team are as follows.

Shrub team 1

Hawthorn Avenue (shrub bed)– Car parked next to hedge unable to work, will revisit through week commencing 03/03

Shrewton Close (hedge) – Unable to get to this with the tractor and flail as ground too wet and slippery, we have cut back some areas and will continue through this week

Akers Way Allotments (hedge) – Planned in this week

Moredon Rec (hedge) – ground has been far too wet to take a tractor

Shrub Team 2

Tydean Street (shrubs/hedge) unable to access due to road works, will revisit through week commencing 03/03/2025

Rodbourn Rec (hedge) We have cut the hedge running along the footpath but have not been able to get to the hedge running along GWW as far too waterlogged

Brindley close (hedge) Small hedge on entrance to road, will be picked up through this week

Plaum's Pit (hedges) wild area with footpaths which need barging back, planned in for Wednesday 5th of March

Mannington Rec (hedge) we have cut the outside and top of hedge running along Paddington Drive, inside section has been inaccessible for the tractor due to water logging, hand work has been carried out with some more to do. We will have to cut the remaining hedges at the end of August.

This past week we have been working at the Allington Road allotment site, this area had to be cleared to make way for a new community garden / orchard. The team have done a super job clearing this area, as recommended by Wiltshire Wildlife Trust we will have to revisit once temperatures have lifted to carry out some spraying to kill off the brambles. These works have taken us of scheduled works but needed to be done as short time frame for completion. We had some spare time after Allington road was completed so we visited Redlynch back land site to clear the gate and cut a access channel so we can have a better view of what works are going to be needed to bring this area back to a useable condition, now that we have done this its apparent that a lot of time and work is going to be required.

Through February we have taken 6,420kg of green waste to the tip, most if not all of this has been generated from shrub and hedge works.

Mulberry Grove



Durrington Walk before and after



Elm Grove before and after

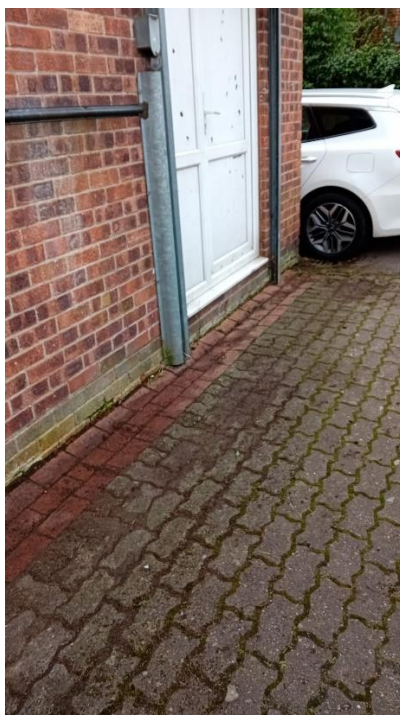


Street Scene

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 8,280kg of general waste (bins, litter and small fly tips) I was invited to attend the E&P meeting on the 5th of Feb to discuss bins with a view to Parish officers and Councillors understanding how many bins we have on contract (199) their usage and condition. One action for me from this meeting is to gather data to present to Cllrs regarding bin use in each location, this information will then be used to decide if bins require re homing, one thing that needs to be considered is that some bins will see far less use during the winter months but will increase dramatically as the weather improves. To achieve this, I have the guys filling sheets daily so we can track. This is proving to be a useful exercise for us as it prompted a full review of bin rounds and allocation to each of the teams. We have taken this opportunity to also review litter picking routes, litter is a constant issue and in some cases its quite demoralising, we visit some areas and carry out litter picking then the following day(s) its back to how it was (education is the only answer) As part of the bin review we have noted that some bins require a lesser frequency then others so we have amended the routes to reflect, this in turn gives the teams more time to concentrate on general litter picking. They are still going around the estates in the same route order and target key hotspot areas but are given allocated areas where either my supervisor or myself have spotted attention is needed. As mentioned in previous meeting the Ops Manager and I have now set up monthly meetings to look around the ward areas to see what has been completed and to what standard, we have the next round of meetings booked for early March, findings from these meetings will be presented at the next E&P meeting

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. Through this month these guys have started working through the ward areas carrying out deep litter picks and addressing scruffy areas, to date they have been through Moredon, Pinehurst, Gorsehill and Rodbourne. As mentioned previously we spend time each week in Gorsehill and Rodbourne as these areas are a bit of a hot potatoe for me. While in Pinehurst it was noted that some areas in the Tree Courts estate were looking very untidy, so these guys worked there magic, unfortunatley this is one of those problem areas for litter, a few days after going through it didn't look like they had been there at all, quite frustrating! As part of this teams day they empty the bins along Gorsehill High St, the problem with fly tipped household waste is increasing again, this is an everyday occurance and in some cases more than once a day, appreciate this is old news but have to raise this issue.

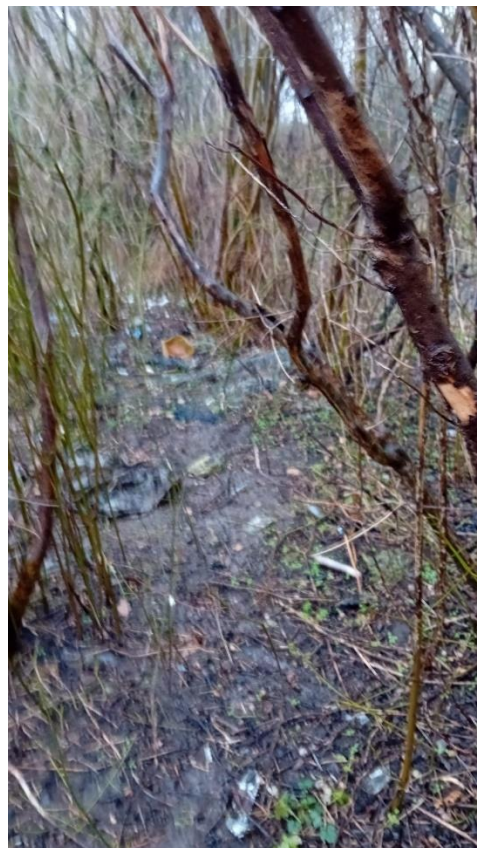
Tree courts – Weed removal



Edinburgh St - Fly tipped house hold waste



Hedge adjacent to Crowdys School



Works completed and coming up

Our focus now is on getting ready for grass cutting, as previously mentioned we are aiming for starting on the 10th of March. We have carried out interviews for seasonal staff and have x2 seasonal team members starting on the 10th, this will be bolstered as the season progresses. I have concerns regarding ground conditions at Mannington, at this time access for machinery is restricted due to water logging, this will be monitored and I will keep Parish officers in the loop and if need be bring them down to demonstrate, hopefully the ground dries out sufficiently but I need to bring this to Cllrs attention. Shrub and hedge works have gone well and we are on track to have all completed in the required time.

As mentioned above we had to get in and clear Allington Allotment site, a site meeting was held on the 20th of Feb to decide what needed doing, my team went in the following day and made a start clearing out, with the job being completed on the 26th of Feb. Unfortunately, I didn't take any before photos but below are some pictures of the finished job, the guys have done a great job clearing and tidying, this will make planting and constructing the raised planters much easier. We potentially have a similar job to complete at the Redlynch black land site, this area has been neglected for a fair few years (prior to the Parish being set up I believe?) this is a big job and will take a lot of time and effort to get back to a useable standard.

Allington Allotment – clearance works



We have also been out carrying out play area repairs, we have changed bushes installed new swing seats and basket swing as well as surface repairs at Mannington, Alanbrooke and Harcourt. We still have a few more bits to complete which all things being should be finished through week commencing 3rd of March. Below are a couple of photos from Harcourt Rd play area showing surface repairs, a tidy job has been done here.





