

CSNPC Contract report

June 2025

Street Scene

We are still up against it with litter, but we are starting to turn a corner having the sparkle team and the grass round working through the contract area is certainly helping. We had a request to carry out litter and fly tip clearance from the service road behind Clive Parade on the 18th of June, I passed this on to the sparkle team for action, once onsite it was evident that a large portion of the litter was due to the commercial bins not being emptied and subsequent overfill. The guys spent a good few hours tidying up (photos below) I do believe there are a few HMOs in this location, which as in most cases do not have sufficient bins to take the household waste therefore bags are being left and being targeted by animals. The issue with waste being dumped outside the old Co-op on Gorsehill high St continues, I carried out a ward walk with the Ops manager on the 24th of June, we parked in Church St car park, when I arrived there wasn't any bags upon return to my car (roughly 30mins later) a carrier bag had been dumped, as mentioned in previous reports we are having to visit this site twice most days.





The above photos show before and after the litter clearance and also the over full bins which in my view are the main contributing factor for said litter.

During the period (01/06 to 25/06) the litter teams have taken **8,680kg** of general waste to the tip (litter and bins) they have also take **480kg** of green waste, a small amount of this is from fly tips but the main is from works carried out by the sparkle team.

The 1st road sweep of the year is now complete, in the main it has been a success but the same old issues in regard to parked cars in Rodbourne and Gorsehill, appreciate there is little the Parish can do to mitigate this. We began on the 19th of May and finished end of play on the 9th of June, the weight taken to the tip for the period between last report and the current was **32,940kg** total amount for all 15 days is **54,220kg**. For most of the period we had good weather, this means that a very large portion of the weight is detritus (when sweeping during wet conditions the surface water gets sucked up along with waste, this inflates the weights)

Grounds Maintenance

It pleases me to report that we are well on top of the grass and have been for most of the season to date, we have encountered a few minor issues along the way but nothing which has caused us significant issues. At the time of writing this report we are coming to the end of cut 4 and by the time I present to Cllrs we will be a good few days in to cut 5. The continued good weather is most certainly helping, long may it continue! I would like to praise the team for their continued efforts as its hard graft especially during the hot conditions we have had of late.

At the beginning of the year we (Idverde) partnered with Manpower to assist us with our recruitment needs, these guys carry out a vetting process and put forward candidates which meet the criteria set by contract managers for the respective contracts. Having these people in place has proven to be a success for me on the CSNPC contract as we have what I believe to be the best back up crew to date, they have taken onboard the instruction given at point of induction, work well as a team and are delivering each and every day.

On the 19th of June I had to suspend grass cutting due the team leader being off work for personal reasons, while the back-up team are great, they aren't sufficiently experienced to carry on with the ride on works so I took the decision to put them out on odd jobs. I split them out and we carried out works at the Great Western Flyer, Firethorn Close and Harbour Meadow the works carried out consisted of hedge/shrub containment prunes and weed removal (Western Flyer) I was really pleased with the works completed, below are some photos of what was done.

On the same day I had the sparkle team carry out epicormic growth cut, we made a start on Limes Avenue in Pinehurst and completed up to Whitworth Road Junction, we still have more to do leading down to the junction with Pinehurst Road the guys will drop back on this over the next few days and weeks.

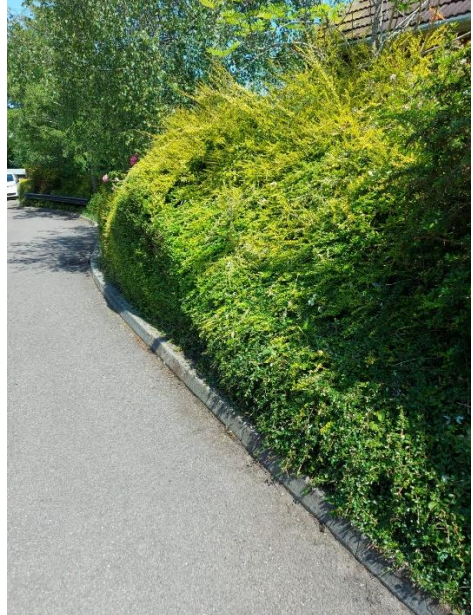
As I am sure you are aware we have now placed the planters out and planted up the various tubs around the Parish, again I am really pleased with how these are looking. We are watering them all 3 times a week (along with the new trees planted) and they receive a feed once per week (normally on a Friday) they are starting to bloom and over the coming weeks I'm sure they are going to explode, which I cant wait to see 😊 I had them planted up by a different nursery this year, the instruction was for plenty of colour and this has been followed, I for one think they're looking superb!

The Ops Manager have been carrying out joint inspections these past few days, to date we have walked the GWF, Gorsehill and Rodbourne, Penhill and Rodbourne Cheney are booked for early next week. We have noted the excellent grass conditions the usual litter and fresh weed growth along the kerbs and back lines. In some places the weed growth is quite significant, so I have made the decision to bring the 2nd application for ward to start mid-July (should be through August) We also discussed the best option for removal after spraying, to remove by hand would be very time consuming, this is a situation where having a mini sweeper on contract would come in super handy.

We will make every effort to target the worst areas and remove, but this will be dependant on workload and available staff.

Photos of works completed

Harbour Meadow - Containment prune



Firethorn Close – Containment Prune



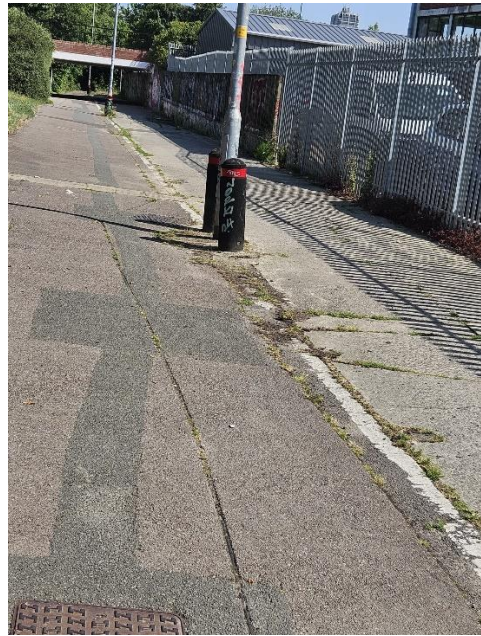
Limes Avenue – Epicormic Growth removal



Great Western Flyer – Barge back and weed removal (Before)



Great Western Flyer – Barge back and weed removal (After)



Planters – St Marks and Cricklade Road junction



