

CSNPC Contract report

May 2025

Street Scene

Litter continues to be an issue; the teams are working hard to keep on top. We still have x1 team member off on long term sick as per previous report this is in the hands of HR. The sparkle team is now fully operational, and we are starting to see the benefit, they are back on the route and round working through the ward areas, this week (week commencing 26/05) they are working through Moredon, with Penhill following. They have been tasked with deep litter picking and cutting back epicormic growth from tree bases.

Fly tipping continues to be an issue, the HMOs above the old Co-op on Goreskill high St is a daily occurrence, on the 20th of May the fly tip in the photo below was reported to me, this was passed on to the Ops Manager who I turn passed on to SBC for clearance.



Fly tipping – Westbury Rd Penhill



Fly tipping – HMO Gorsehill (old Coop)

During this period the litter teams have taken **6,400kg** of waste to the tip

We have now begun the 1st road sweep of the year, this began on the 19th of May and will continue for a period of 15 days. So far, we have completed Moredon, Whitworth Road and side roads, Penhill

and will be starting Pinehurst Today (27/05) after this we will be attending Rodbourne Cheney, Ferndale, Rodbourne and finally Goreshill, any spare time left after these will be spent revisiting problem areas. so far we have tipped off 21,280 kg of road sweepings.

Grounds Maintenance

The grass round has taken a bit of hit during this period, as mentioned on previous report the Batwing mower has been off the road due to crank seal failure, while it was off the road I had the Wiltshire tractor attend and keep on top of the sports fields, but due to the limited time it was available to me we couldn't get it on the open spaces through the contract area. During the period the batwing was off the road we used one of our smaller machines to cut these areas, but due to its size it took much longer to complete. The Bat wing was back on contract week commencing 19th of May and as per agreement with the Ops Manager it cut the sports fields then on to the larger areas on the main round (beginning in Penhill) By the 30th of May I envisage these areas all being caught up with. The main round is going reasonably well, the current cut is taking longer than hoped due to Bank Holidays and works required for the Green Flag judging at St Marks and Penhill Gardens. In order to complete the required works at both areas I had to use some of the team, leaving a skeleton crew on the round. Now that these works have been completed and there is nothing major on the horizon the grass team will be fully focused on the round. We have been monitoring the grass team closely and I am happy with the finished product in most cases, they are working well as a team and in my view the standard is much better compared to last year. We will continue to keep an eye to ensure standards don't slip.

We are now starting to see epicormic growth and fresh growth on hedges, the sparkle team will be addressing these over the next month and onwards, this will be done as they move into the respective ward areas. The hedges will have to be assessed and dealt with on a case-by-case basis, with safety being the deciding factor.

As mentioned above we have been carrying out works in preparation for Green Flag Judging at St Marks and Penhill Gardens, a lot of hard work was put in to get these parks ready for the day, unfortunately we wasn't aware the Seven Fields was included as part of the Penhill Gardens submission and didn't look as good as it could have done, my sincere apologies for this.

Below are some photos taken during the works, with a brief list of works carried out

Penhill Gardens



Works carried out are as follows

- Cut & Collect all grass areas
- Rip out replace small hedge
- Replace dead trees
- Edge up pathways
- Tidy up beds

St Marks Park



Works carried out are as follows

- Cut & Collect all grass areas
- Tidy up whips (new hedge)
- Reduce tree cages
- Edge up pathways

Upcoming works

We don't have any projects planned for the next few weeks so will be focused on the grass round catching up lost time during the current cut, the weather is still being kind to us and while the grass is growing it hasn't got out of control. We are expecting the flower tubs to be delivered to my depot on the 03rd of June, as soon as they are in, we will be placing them out in the agreed locations.

Now that the Football season is over we can now commence goal mouth renovations, compared to previous years we have managed to keep most pitches operational through the season, I do believe reconfiguring Mannington has helped.

As mentioned above we are currently carrying the 1st road sweep of the year, this is due to be completed by the 06th of June

