

CSNPC Contract report

September 2025

Street Scene

We have had a full team on the litter through September (no holidays or other absences) this has made a difference on the ground, we still have issues in the normal hot spot areas, but things have improved through the month. Its old new but we are still having the same issues along Gorsehill High St, this is not limited to residential waste as we have noted a few areas where commercial waste is either being placed in or next to the bins. In the previous report I made note of the sweeper coming on to contract mid-month, unfortunately this didn't happen, this is now planned for October I will send over start date and proposed route order to the ops manager once confirmed.

The sparkle team have been super busy through the month hitting out weed growth along kerbs and back lines through Rodbourne and Gorsehill, this has made a huge difference, and we even had a mention in the Swindon Advertiser. The team will continue with these works over the coming weeks and months.

To date we have taken **12,220kg** of general waste and **2460kg** of green waste to the tip through this period.

Example photos of weed removal – Horace St- Rodbourne



Example photos of what typically greets us most mornings along Gorsehill High St



Grounds Maintenance

We have had a good month on grounds with lots of works completed. Cut 7 was finished at the beginning of the month and we are now close to the end of cut 8, the grass has started to grow a bit now that we have had a bit of rain but nothing we can't keep on top of. We had a few machinery issues at the end of the month, but we managed to keep on top of the Football pitches and still maintain a presence out on the main round. All machines are now back up and running and we are pushing hard to catch up on lost time. As planned the tractor and flail has been on contract and is doing a great job on the large hedges across the contract, as mentioned in previous reports we hit out areas which we couldn't get to last year due to waterlogged ground. As requested by Cllr Javes we attended the Venny to knock back the hedges around the perimeter, we did as best as we could but given most of the hedges have established trees with large branches we wasn't able to hit back as hard as I would have liked. In order to go back further we would need to take some of these branches out with chainsaws, which would require a quote to complete. We have the flail up to the 10th of October then he has to move back to Wiltshire Schools to carry out planned works for them, he will return to us later in the winter to pick up any areas which are outstanding. I'm really happy with the finish on the hedges completed to date, below are the completion photos unfortunately no before pics were taken. Once the flail has gone from contract the guys who are backing him up will

move on to shrub maintenance, as with previous years we will target problem areas raised by residents or Cllrs. We are in a good position with this as we have been able to hit a lot of these areas out earlier (due to grass growth stalling through the dry period) as with previous years we will start shrubs in Moredon then on to Penhill, Pinehurst, Rodbourne Cheney and so on. If Cllrs have any areas which they need sorting please do drop an email to me and we will program in accordingly (Olive Grove has already been raised)

At the beginning of September, we had to set out the Football pitches ready for the new season, this proved to be quite a job as the ground was so dry that significant cracks had appeared on most pitches (caused by the ongoing dry weather) we a team of two filling these over a period of a couple of weeks. I'm pleased to report that we now have all pitches up and running and will continue to monitor going forward.

Photos of hedge works completed

Ingelsham Road and Seven Fields



Cricklade Road (Penhill)



Pinehurst Road





St Marks



Ferndale Rec (Iffly road)



I'm pleased to report that we received a complimentary email from a resident along Ferndale Road saying what a fantastic job sorting the hedge and undergrowth along the rear access ally 😊

Any other business

We are in the process of carrying out numerous play area repairs and new equipment installs, through September we have installed a new aerial runway at Inglesham road and a new spring rocker at Alanbrooke, we have further minor repairs taking place through October which I will report on in next meeting.

As a business we are continually looking for ways to improve our health and safety performance, earlier this year the SHEQ team rolled out and new monitoring app (Ecoonline) the enables managers and supervisor to carry out on site audits and quality inspections digitally, we have a set amount of inspections to carry out each month (managers 1 per week, supervisors 4) the operatives are able to use this app while out on the rounds to report site issues, incidents and near misses. This is a very handy tool as it does away with paper-based inspections, going forward I will include figures in my monthly reports. To date we have 15 near miss reports, 11 on site audits and 1 accident (in the depot and not a member of the CSNPC team)

We have also moved to a new vehicle tracking system (Lightfoot) this only went live on the 29th of Sept so early door with this, will update further at next meeting.

