

CSNPC Contract report

March - April 2026

Street Scene

As is normal the street scene teams have been working hard to service bins and carry out litter picking duties across the contract, as always, it's an uphill battle keeping up with the litter. We are now into our grass cutting operations, so this means additional litter picks are taking place across the contract (areas where we are cutting)

The Ops Manager and I have been out on ward walks these past few days and while we have spotted a few areas which need attention in the main things were looking good. To date we have visited Penhill Gardens, St Marks, The Valley (Penhill) and the Shopping precincts. The Parks looked reasonable especially as the visit was the day after the bank holiday, both due a grass cut (1st cut was 18th of March) We are cutting St Marks as I type ready for the weekend. It was pleasing to see that the Valley was looking good, often issues with litter around this area, we went through cutting on the 30th and 31st of March so it was pleasing to see that the guys had done a good job and the litter was minimal. When inspecting the precincts it was noted that while litter was minimal some attention was needed along the back lines and kerb edges, we had an opportunity on the 9th of April to resolve, below are a few photos of these areas.

Blair Parade



Clive Parade



The weights taken into the tip this month are as follows, general waste **10,820kg**, green waste **1,000kg**

Grounds Maintenance

We are now in to our grass cutting operation and we have the 1st cut under our belt, the round started on the 17th of March and was completed on the 10th of April a total of 17 days to complete (less bank holidays and weekends) I am happy with this turnaround as at the beginning we were still on shorter hours (summer hours began after Easter break) and not all machines were back from servicing.

We have managed to get on all areas with the exception of 3 small patches, the tree line at the top of Mannington, tree line along Seven Fields and the bottom of Rodbourne Rec, it is not uncommon for these areas to be water logged at the beginning of the season but this time round the areas are not as large and are drying out quick so we will be able to sort soon. Obviously the grounds team will be fully focused on grass cutting for the next few months and we will see how the season progresses from a weather and growth rate point of view, should we experience a similar season to last years then we will be able to redirect resource on to other works should it be required and sanctioned by the Ops Manager.

It is with regret that I have to inform Councillors of an on-site incident where 3rd party property was damaged. The incident occurred on the 25th of March along Fyfield Avenue. The investigation in to the incident has been completed and is now moving forward to disciplinary, at this time this is all I can report on the matter, Ops Manager has been kept in the loop through this process.

Health & Safety

Other than the incident mentioned above we have had a good month from a health and safety point of view to date we have carried out 15 on site audits ranging from work completion to PPE inspections and 11 near miss reports. No accidents or injuries to report.

Staffing

As it stand's we have one colleague off on long term sick and x2 vacancies (1x seasonal & 1x FTE street scene) I have 2 interviews booked for the 14th of March and a few more applications to go through. Both of these positions are physically demanding and require a full driving licence, we have had numerous applicants but unfortunately, they haven't met the criteria. The long-term sick issue is being handled by our HR department and as you are most likely aware I cannot go into detail other than to say we are working with the individual to enable his return as soon as possible.

Upcoming works

Finally, I would like to report on planned contractual works on the horizon, April going into May is always a busy time for us. We have booked the footpath and hard standing weed spraying and are awaiting confirmation on start date, once this is firmed up I can then book the road sweeper for the 1st sweep of the year.

We also have selective weed spraying booked for the sports pitches and further enhanced works on the adult Football pitches planned, these enhanced works will take place once the Football season is finished so most likely early May.

One final note, I would like to wish Councillors good luck in the upcoming elections, and for those who are standing down I hope you enjoy the peace. A special shout out to Councillor Lucas who was the chair of the L&R committee when the contract started, you have been understanding when things have been tough and always championed Idverde through the contract, thank you.

