

CSNPC Contract report

August 2026



Redlynch Close back land site

Street Scene

As is usual the street scene teams have been hard at work litter picking and servicing the bins across the contract. There haven't been any major issues through this period other than the usual problem areas. The new edition to the team has now settled in well and now fully understands his route and round, he is spending a lot of time litter picking through Penhill and we are starting to see an improvement, a long way to go but in my view much improved. While carrying out his bin route he identifies areas which require attention and falls back on to them (either Tuesday or Thursdays)

Towards the end of July (after the last meeting) the Ops manager and I carried out a joint inspection around The Courts, numerous issues were spotted (both street scene and GM issues) The following day I sent the mobile litter crews down to carry out litter picking along the footpaths. The following week the GM team went in and carried out further works, the instruction was to remove and all small fly tips, thorough litter picking (including in to shrubs and hedges) where possible to trim car

parking bays and finally containment prunes on shrubs/ hedges which were overgrowing footpaths. During these works the team lifted 10 bags of litter and filled x1 van with small fly tipped items.

Unfortunately, we are still one down on this team and we have had to deal with staff booking holidays, where needed the Sparkle team have covered the holidays.

The Sparkle Team deal with the high streets daily, they complete these before moving on to other works, appreciate that this is old new but the problems with the HMO's along Gorsehill high St persist! Another site meeting was held towards the end of the month with various people from SBC in attendance. As per instruction from the Ops manager we held off on clearing the problem areas until this meeting had concluded (to demonstrate what we are up against), a possible solution has been put forward (lockable euro bins) I am hopeful that this can be sorted soon but appreciate these things can take time. When not sorting the above issues or covering holidays this team has been busy sorting ad hoc works, they have carried removed weeds and leaves from Gorsehill High St, carried out epicormic growth removal around the Northern Road area and containment prunes on the shrubs adjacent to the outlet centre (Rodbourne Road) These guys have also dealt with lifting the arisings from the various community litter picks through the month.

I note that in the previous report I didn't include the weight figures for the month of July, I have included them in this report in retrospect.

July - 10,360kg General (bins and litter picking) 1,580kg green

August – 13,460kg General (bins and litter picking) 4,640kg green

The increased green waste figure for August is due to the grounds team working ad-hoc jobs due to pulling off

Grounds Maintenance

We have had a super busy period since the last meeting, as you are more than aware the weather conditions have been superb for working outdoors, with little to no rain. Towards the end of July we scaled down the grass team as there was no growth (machines only) The back up team were moved on to other duties. Cut 6 was completed in 2 weeks due to little to no growth, so it was decided at the beginning of August to stop cutting all together, as continuing was a waste of resources and was adding to the stress on the grass. This was an ideal opportunity to complete ad hoc works that would normally be a struggle to sort at this time of year. We focused on epicormic growth and crown raising, containment prunes on problem hedges and barge backs along footpaths and alleys. Below is a list of some of the jobs which have been completed.

• Cleansing and shrub work around The Courts (Pinehurst)	• Cut shrubs along Caulfied Road	• Cut back shrubs around Barnum court play area
• Barge back along the footpath behind Medlar Court Play Area (Pinehurst)	• Barge back works along footpath behind Latton close up to Atworth close, including clear waste land between Melksham and Latton close	• Cut shrubs and hedges in Morris St car park, we also dealt with weeds around the pedestrian areas in both Morris St and Percy St
• Coombe Road Shrubs, Resident request (Moredon)	• Remove epicormic growth and crown raise Limes Ave (both sides)	• Cut back hedge and Ivy on the footpath towards the top of Firethorn Close
• GWF barge back and general tidy up	• Cut back shrubs and hedges adjacent to nova Herod	• Cut back overgrowth in Allington community garden, and trimmed Redlynch Back land site (prep for 2 weed spray)
• Epicormic growth removal Penhill Drive (resident request)	• Cut all hedges and shrubs in and around Edinburgh Rec	• Watering the numerous trees across the contract
• Remove dead and dying trees/shrubs from tubs along Clive Parade and cleanse the rear access Road	• Cut back overhanging branches and barge back brambles at Mannington Rec car parking area	• Back filling cracks and divots on the Football pitches

As you can see the teams have been very busy and have completed some good work, they have also carried litter picking in problem areas and sorted small fly tips. Below are a few photos showing some of the works detailed above (in most cases before and after photos are sent to the Ops Manager)

Typical example of leave sweep works carried out by sparkle team – Cheney Manor Road



Weed whacking works carried out by GM team - Percy St



Shrub and hedge works carried out by GM team – Morris St car park



Epicormic growth removal – Penhill Drive



Crown raising – Limes Avenue (both sides)



Edinburgh St Rec – Shrub and hedge work (in prep for weekend event)



Footpath barge backs and de weeding – behind Latton Close leading up to Atworth close



Rough land clearance works – Latton Close



Health & Safety

No health and safety issue to report through this period, as with the previous month we had to be mindful of the hot and sunny conditions, being on ad hoc works made this easier. inspections and audit have continued as normal; there were 9 near reports and 22 onsite audits completed.

Staffing

Staffing levels have remained static, and we still have one colleague on long term sick. Some of the team took annual leave during this period, again not being on the grass round made this much easier to manage

Upcoming works

We are now back out on the grass, there's not much growth now, but it is starting to move. We will continue cutting for another 5-6 weeks. We still have work to do getting the remaining Football pitches up and running, the Ops manager and I have been carrying regular site inspections and we are hopeful that we can get these operational in the next few weeks. As we progress through September we will commence or flail works, we have the tractor booked from the 16th. We will also be bringing the road sweeping works forward, this is due to the trees dropping leaves much earlier than normal (a result of stress due to the drought conditions of late)