

Major Changes to the Rural Grass Cutting Policy

Rural grass cutting

Roads within Rural Areas

Cutting on visibility areas (junctions, lay-bys and the inside of bends) is undertaken on an as needs basis, at a frequency of two or three times per annum on the priority network and once on other roads down to and including Maintenance category 10 roads.

Verges on roads on the priority network are cut to a width of one metre from the road side channel twice per year with an intermediate cut only if shown to be absolutely necessary. (the 1m cut is not undertaken off of the priority network)

A full width cut is undertaken every third year down to maintenance category 8 to control the excessive growth of brushwood, scrub and harmful weeds. Cutting is undertaken to a residual height of 100mm.

Please be advised that the Grass Cutting Programme is subject to weather conditions.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact your Neighbourhood Highway Officer.

Roadside Grass Programmes for the 1st cut (see attached)

Programme 1 High Speed Network

Programme 2 the Primary & Secondary (Priority Network)

Programme 3 the Non Salting Network