

LITTLE STANION FARM MANAGEMENT COMPANY

2016 OPEN SPACE MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

Meadows: Amenity Grassland

- Periodic mowing of amenity grassland areas to target grass height of 40mm to facilitate community use
- Targeted control of undesirable broadleaved weeds, e.g. thistle, sow thistle and dock as required using broadleaved herbicide
- Application of liquid grass fertiliser to improve sward health and vitality
- Aeration (spiking) of sward to improve health and drainage

Meadows: Meadow Grassland

- Annual mowing in autumn to maintain meadow character
- Targeted herbicide control of scrub encroachment (bramble, hawthorn, etc) as required to maintain meadow character

Sustainable Urban Drainage System: Lake and Swales

- Clearance of litter and construction waste as required to maintain effective function of the system
- Control of willow within swale corridors by cutting and herbicide to prevent establishment
- Strimming of vegetation within swale basins at end of growing season if deemed necessary to ensure proper function of the system through winter months
- Control of willow around lake margins by cutting and herbicide to ensure a maximum of one third bank cover, targeting goat willow

Woodland Areas

- Spot spraying of all trees to reduce weed competition during growth season and improve woodland appearance
- Mowing and strimming of woodland areas to enable resident accessibility and improve appearance
- Replacement of deer fences as required to ensure security against deer damage

Independents Reports

- Independent reports are carried out on a twice yearly basis by Lockhart Garratt to certify that proper maintenance is being achieved .

Ecology

- An Ecology study to assess the improvements of Ecology within the development

Additional Investments

In addition to the standard open space maintenance regime as set out in the schedule, Little Stanion Farm Management Company will also be carrying out the following additional works.

1. Welcome Centre: This year we will be tidying up the external appearance of the Welcome Centre to improve the entrance to the village. These works will include:
 - Painting the outside of the building
 - Repairing the guttering
 - Cleaning the white fence
 - Painting the planters
 - Pruning the shrubs and enhancing the planters
2. Badger Alley: Works will commence end of April early May on the following remedial and restoration works:
 - Cultivation, stone picking and levelling of the soil
 - Seeding with a suitable meadow grass mix
 - Weed control until the meadow is established
3. Fences on Long Meadow / Roman Road
 - Lowering of post and four rail fence on each side of the road.
 - Planting a red robin hedge on each side of the road side in front of the two fences