



greenbelt

your home, your world, your future



grass, shrubs, hedges & trees

These offer an important visual and recreational contribution to your development

types of grass

amenity grass – This is the most common and multi-purpose grass. It provides a place for relaxing, a safe environment for children to play or a welcoming area to exercise your pets. Amenity grass receives the most intensive maintenance; generally twice per month, weather dependent, April - October.

rough grass – These areas have different uses from amenity areas. Often embankments or the edges to woodland footpaths will be designated as rough grass. To reflect this, rough grass is cut three to seven times a year.

long grass – It is usual that large grass meadows will be designated as long grass and get one/two cuts per year.

wild flower meadows – These benefit from minimal intervention requiring only one or two cuts per year. This ensures the stimulation of wild flower species, encouraging habitats for wildlife and the sustainability of the meadows.

grass cutting

It is the accepted industry norm and best practice to disperse grass cuttings evenly over the grass surface. As they decompose, the cuttings provide natural nitrogenous mulch, which improves ground conditions and grass vigour. For these reasons Greenbelt does not lift grass cuttings unless this is specifically agreed with the developer and the costs of doing this work is included into the Annual Management Charge.

shrub beds

These form an attractive feature and are often designed to provide year-round colour. They soften the edges

of house walls, car parking areas and other hard landscaped features.

As part of routine maintenance shrub beds and shrubs receive: **an annual cultivation** if necessary. Occasionally, if specified in the landscaping scheme for a particular development, shrub beds will have a bark mulch covering. This represses weeds and helps keep the soil moist. Shrub beds that have bark do not require to be forked annually.

Thereafter an application of a **safe herbicide** in late winter/early spring to help suppress emerging weed growth prior to the start of the summer growing period. Shrubs are also **pruned annually**. How and when this is carried out depends on species and size but is usually during the winter maintenance period. The purpose is to maintain the shape of the shrub and encourage new growth.

hedges

How and when trimming is carried out depends on the species and purpose of the hedge, for example to denote a boundary, act as a sound barrier or to encourage wildlife.

Hedges are generally trimmed once a year either manually or with mechanical hedge trimmers.

standard trees

Standard, or amenity, trees are inspected at each visit and any stakes or ties adjusted or removed as required. Any dead or damaged trees are removed, if necessary, and, where practical, are replaced at the next planting season: November to March.

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