



Frequently asked questions

I have a grass verge outside my house which I like to cut myself. Is that ok?

We know that some people like to cut the grass near their home more often than we do. You should be aware of the possible risk of injury to yourself, passing pedestrians and traffic. If you would like to do this you are advised to contact us on 01252 622122 or email enquiries@hart.gov.uk. You will also need to contact us if you wish to stop maintaining any area.

Why hasn't an area on the estate been cut at the same time as the rest?

There are several reasons why an area on an estate has been left uncut

- It may be suffering from a problem such as localised water logging.
- It is not always possible to finish a whole estate in one day and the team may need to come back the next day to finish off.
- The land may belong to someone else, eg: Hampshire County Council, Sentinel Housing Association or may be under the maintenance of a developer.
- The area has wild flowers and/or bulb plantings and is cut on a different frequency.
- It may require a smaller pedestrian mower or may be cut by larger equipment such as a tractor fitted with gang mowers.
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Why are grass cuttings not removed?

Hart District Council, like all major authorities, do not collect grass cuttings. The quantities of cuttings would amount to thousands of tonnes a year, rendering the resultant costs and carbon footprint unacceptable. The clippings put back into the ground nutrients (nitrogen), which strengthen the grass and improve growth.

Do you cut grass in all rural areas?

We do cut grass in the borough's rural towns and villages eg: Hartley Wintney, Hook and Odiham but do not mow verges adjacent to high speed roads such as the A30 and A287. These are the responsibility of Hampshire County Council.

How you can help us

Please

- Don't park on grass verges.
- Do not place decorative stones or logs on verges as these can be dangerous.
- Remove your wheelie bin from verges as soon as possible after it has been emptied.

To report a problem with grass cutting please contact us on 01252 622122 or email enquiries@hart.gov.uk . Your report will be investigated.

Damage to your property

If you consider that you have or your property has been damaged by an employee of Hart District Council, please inform us on 01252 622122 or email enquiries@hart.gov.uk

What is the impact of climate change

Climate change has increased the growing season by 24 days in the last 30 years. Increased CO², rising temperatures and excessive rainfall has and will continue to expedite grass growth. By 2020, a low forecast of 1° annual increase in temperatures is expected to extend the growing season for lawns by a further 2 – 3 weeks.