



HASLEMERE TOWN COUNCIL

STURT FARM SANG – GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

BACKGROUND

- The following schedule is from the SANG Management plan referred to in the lease between Stonewater & Haslemere Town Council.
- Please note it has been agreed by Ecology Solutions who prepared the plan that the quarter sward cut should not refer to Jan-Feb but later in the year.
- Highlighted green is grounds care, yellow is tree care, and blue is removal of waste.
- This note relates to grounds care only.
- We will be obtaining quotes for the annual tree inspection separately and please note any resulting tree management will have to be done on an ad hoc basis.
- As it is a new area of management for both the Council and it’s contractors it is proposed that we review both the management plan for the SANG and the maintenance after the first year.

RECOMMENDATION: Commercial Grounds Care maintain the SANG land in accordance with the principle of the management plan and the practical considerations of the site at a cost of £9,901 for the first year.

Prescription	Year 1 - 5	Year 6+ (In Perpetuity)
Existing Hedgerows and Trees		
Any arboricultural management to be carried out outside the bird nesting season (March - July inclusive) or after a suitably qualified ecologist has undertaken checks to ensure no nesting birds are present.	Outside the bird nesting season (March - July inclusive)	Annually - outside the bird nesting season (March - July inclusive)
Retained hedgerows will be cut on a 2-3 year rotation and managed for their nature conservation, landscape character and visual amenity.	On a 2-3 year rotation outside the bird nesting period (March - July inclusive)	Annually - On a 2-3 year rotation outside the bird nesting period (March - July inclusive)
New Native Trees		
Regular health checks during periods of drought.	Formative pruning, removal of dead plant material, replacement where necessary	-
General landscape maintenance and management works.	Maintenance and replacement of tree stakes and tree guards	-

Maintain a layer of mulch and weed control.	Annually	-
Any arboricultural management to be carried out outside of the bird nesting season (March - July inclusive) or after being checked by a suitably qualified ecologist.	Outside the bird nesting season (March - July inclusive)	Annually - outside the bird nesting season (March - July inclusive)
Grassland		
Grassland to be subject to a sensitive management regime	One quarter of the existing sward shall be cut annually in January or February to a minimum height of 150mm and all arisings removed.	Annually - One quarter of the existing sward shall be cut annually in January or February to a minimum height of 150mm and all arisings removed.
Mown Pathways		
To be maintained with a short sward and cut on a regular basis.	Pathways to be cut throughout the growing season when the sward reaches circa 100mm long back to a length of circa 35mm, with all arising removed.	Monthly - Pathways to be cut throughout the growing season when the sward reaches circa 100mm long back to a length of circa 35mm, with all arising removed.