

Porlock Parish Grounds Maintenance Programme - Works List 2025-2026

Map Ref:	Location	Mowing	Weeding	Paring	Shrubs	Watering	Planting	Wildflowers	Trees	Fence	Debris	Notes
1	Old School Centre Community Garden - Orchard	G	G	G	G			?	G	G	G	Grass cutting (Pathways L1 & 3) Full cut Sep – Mar Maintain grounds inc fence & trees
2	Old School Centre Car Park and grounds		G								G	Hedging
2a	Old School Centre Community Garden - Jubilee Garden		?	G	?	?	?				G	G - Maintain Trees ? – Maintain Garden
3	Weir Road Hedges – Back Lane to West End			S/G								S – First Cut G - Second cut
4	Cow Lane			E								Maintain hedges and footpath
5	High Bank Car Park	G	G	G				?	G	G	G	Grass cutting (L1) Maintain stream bank, trees & fence
6	High Bank / Campsite Grass area	G		G					S		G	Grass Cutting (L1) Hedge to footpath
7	Riverside Row Picnic Site	G		G					S		G	Grass cutting (Pathways L1 & 3) Full cut Sep – Mar & maintain hedges
8	Central Car Park	G		G				?	S/G		G	Grass cutting (L1) hedge to Pollards court Maintain trees
9	Pollards Court	G		G	G				G		G	Grass cutting (L1) Maintain Trees and Hedges
10	Meadowhayes	G		G				?	G		G	Grass cutting (L1)
11	Meadowhayes Pond/sump	G		G				?		G	G	Grass cutting (L1) maintain hedge Trees and fence
12	The Meadows	G						?	S		G	Grass Cutting (L1)
13	Villes Lane	G		G	G			?			G	Grass Cutting (L1)
14	Villes Lane Steps Flower Bed				?							
15	Parkes View / Villas Lane Grass areas	G						?			G	Grass Cutting (L1)
16	The Meadows / Dunster Steep Flower bed		?		?	?	?				?	
17	War Memorial Dunster Steep	G	X	G	G					G		Grass Cutting (L1)
18	Dunster Steep Hedge left & right side			G							G	
19	Dunster Steep Bed top of junction on bend right		?	?	?						?	

Key: ? (To be determined) G (Ground Maintenance Contractors) W (Watering Contractors) P (Parish Council Staff) E (Exmoor National Park) S (Somerset Council) G (Not under contract full or part) X (Specialist contractor)

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20	Dunster steep/Bossington Lane Charlotte's Bench		?		?		?				?	
21	Top of Old Lane Grass verge	G									G	Grass Cutting (L2)
22	A39 / Old Lane Grass bank by sign	G						?			G	Grass Cutting (Boarder L2 & 3)
23	A39 towards steep Left hand side hedge			S/G								S – First Cut G - Second cut
24	Coach Road – to Rec Path			G						G	G	
25	Hawkcombe View	G									G	Grass Cutting (L2)
26	Orchard Rise	G		G			S	?			G	Grass Cutting (Border L1 & 3)
27	Crawter Drive	G					S	?			G	Grass Cutting (Border L1 & 3)
28	Horse Cross	G									G	Grass Cutting (L2)
29	Cemetery Hedge			G			X			G	G	
30	Doverhay to Hawkcombe Inc layby			G							G	
31	Hawkcombe playground	G		G				?			G	Grass Cutting (Border L1 & L3)
32	Path to outside of cemetery As far as water pipe	G		G							G	Grass cutting (L2) Including stream (to middle)
33	Hawkcombe Cemetery	G	G	G	G			?	X	G	G	Gras Cutting (Pathways L1, 2 & 3), Soil removal, Grave levelling (See notes)
34	Swiss Lodge to Rec Footpath		G	G								
35	St. Dubricius Churchyard	G	G					?	X		G	Grass Cutting (Pathways L1, 2 & 3)
36	Village Hall Car Park	G	G	G		W		?				Grass Cutting (Boarders L2 & L3)
37	Chadwyck Place Steps		G								G	
38	Doverhay toilets & by wall seat		?		?						?	
39	Zig Zag Path			G							G	

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40	The Parks bridleway			E								
41	Bay Road Corner	M										
42	Parks View	M										
43	Bay Road Steps		M	M								
n/a	Storm Damage Various			G							G	As required
▲	Village Tubs & Displays		W			W	P					Maintaining and Watering
★	Old School Centre Tubs and baskets		P			P	P				P	Summer & Spring Bedding with perennials
n/a	Road Signs Keep clear of hedging as required			?							?	Roads signs within Parish Boundary
■	Weed control (Areas previously sprayed) Main streets and other designated areas		G									Twice yearly – April & September

Annual Ground Maintenance Programme Cycle

Activity / Month	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Mowing												
Weeding (spraying)												
Weeding (Manual)												
Paring / Shrubs												
Watering												
Planting												

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Further information

Grass Cutting

Through the main growing season April to September, council have identified areas that will take a multi maintenance approach to create areas for wildflowers and to encourage wildlife. This approach aims to address the balance between keeping the village green spaces tidy while supporting council's responsibility to enhance biodiversity. To support this approach Council will explore options to create designated managed wildflower areas and not just allow weeds and invasive species to take hold.

Level 1 – Bowling green length (Short Cut)

Level 2 – Park length (Medium cut)

Level 3 – Meadow Length (Wildflower areas left to grow April – September while in flower)

Cemetery Maintenance

Due to the landscape and nature of the cemetery multiple approaches are required in the grounds. The overall aim is to maintain the cemetery with respect for its residents. The full range of grounds maintenance tasks are listed below:

- Cut main areas with mower
- Strim graves high areas
- Trim hedge at Lynch gate
- Cut around entrance
- Cut and maintain all hedges and laurels on boundaries
- Spray steps and paths and keep tidy
- Keep steps and safety rails maintained (subject to be repaired)
- Trim yew tree surrounding Chibbet grave
- Remove all green waste, bracken and fallen branches
- Remove 40 dump bags of leaves waste each autumn
- Level graves (every 3 years) requires mini digger to remove soil waste and stones from graves
- Redress graves with good quality soil and sow grass seed
- Soil waste to be removed by specialist contractor
- North boundary, grave diggers waste requires removal on a regular basis (should be put in soil compound not along boundary)