

**Mansfield Bowling Club  
Soft Landscape Maintenance Schedules**



This maintenance schedule details when maintenance work items are to be carried out. In each identified month, the number in the shaded box details the number of times per month when a work item is to be carried out. Where a number "1" is indicated, the maintenance work item must be carried out once a month at the beginning of the month. Where a number "2" is indicated, the maintenance work item must be carried out twice in the month, once at the beginning of the month and the second occurrence mid-way through the month. AR indicates that an operation should be carried out as required.

Item	Description	Month											
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Tree planting (excluding orchard) Years 1-5</b>												
1.1	Cut back broken, diseased or dying branches. Prune trees to maintain a desirable shape in the first three years after planting. For pleached <i>Carpinus</i> shorten growth beyond established framework to one or two healthy buds.												
1.2	Check for general health in line with good horticultural practice. Any signs of disease or decreasing health to be reported to site management.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1.3	Top up mulch to base of trees in soft areas.						1		1				
1.4	Apply general tree fertiliser			1									
1.5	Check stakes and ties monthly (assume they will need adjusting at least twice annually.) Any broken or damaged stakes will be replaced and ties re-fixed at a slightly lower position, allowing for growth since planting. Remove stakes at year 5.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1.6	Water trees during summer months as necessary, minimum 2 x per month in first two years.						2	2	2	2			
1.7	To reduce excessive competition, retain a weed free area around all trees to a diameter of 1m around the base of the trees using glyphosate spray twice a year. Newly planted trees will require refirming as required during the first three years.			1							1		
1.8	Check branches for litter, especially after strong winds, and remove.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Fruit trees</b>												
	Orchard to be managed by allotment holders												
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Climbing plants to allotment pergola</b>												
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<b>4.0</b>	<b>Hedge planting</b>												
4.1	<b>Evergreen species years 1 and 2</b> - Cut all stems back by one third		1										
4.2	<b>Deciduous species years 1 and 2</b> - lightly trim sides after planting. Year 2 cut previous year's growth back by half		1										
4.3	<b>Evergreen species year 3 onwards</b> - Cut sides and top to achieve desired width and height ( <i>Ilex crenata</i> - 120cm, <i>Ilex aquifolium</i> and <i>Escallonia</i> 150cm high)									1			
4.4	<b>Deciduous species year 3 onwards</b> - Cut to 150cm high and desired width									1			
4.5	Feed all hedges with suitable general fertiliser at rate advised by supplier				1								
4.6	Check for general health in line with good horticultural practice. Any signs of disease or decreasing health to be reported to site management.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
4.7	Check branches for litter, especially after strong winds, and remove.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Shrub planting</b>												
5.1	Cut back broken, diseased or dying branches.	1	1	1									
5.2	Check for general health in line with good horticultural practice. Any signs of disease or decreasing health to be reported to site management.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
5.3	Check branches for litter, especially after strong winds, and remove.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
5.4	<i>Berberis darwinii</i> - cut back if exceeding available space or affecting other plants										1		
5.5	<i>Cornus sanguinea</i> Midwinter Fire years 2, 4, etc. - cut down to 10cm above base		1										
5.6	<i>Corylus maxima</i> Purpurea - all years - cut 1/3 of stems to 10cm above base		1										
5.7	<i>Hydrangea paniculata</i> Grandiflora - prune lightly if exceeding available space or affecting other plants		1										
5.8	<i>Lavandula</i> - cut back by two thirds								1				
5.9	<i>Perovskia</i> - cut back to woody stems at base					1							
5.10	Apply general purpose fertiliser according to supplier's instructions				1								
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Herbaceous planting</b>												
6.1	Cut back previous year's growth			1									
6.2	Weed all planting areas using hoe, fork or hand weeding as required, avoiding excessive treading of the border. Care shall be taken not to damage the plants' root system. Weed growth should at no time exceed 5% of the area of the border.					1		1		1			
6.3	Fork over and incorporate general fertiliser (NPK ratio 7:7:7) at a rate of 35g/sq m			1									
6.4	Water planting areas during prolonged dry weather to achieve saturation of the soil to a depth of 225mm. The Maintenance Contractor shall provide all equipment necessary and shall be responsible for arranging supplies of water. Care should be taken that no soil erosion or plant damage occurs as a result of irrigation.				AR	AR	AR	AR	AR	AR			
6.5	<b>Year 4</b> Lift, divide and replant perennials. Time to avoid periods when soil is waterlogged. After division, water to achieve saturation of soil to a depth of 225mm.				1								
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Species rich grass turf areas</b>												
7.1	Water weekly for 2-4 weeks after installation. At times of drought, frequency of watering to be increased as required.	AR	AR	AR	AR	AR	AR	AR	AR	AR	AR	AR	AR
7.2	Cut to height of 50mm late in month. August: leave arisings in place for up to a week to allow seeds to fall, then remove. Cut monthly during remainder of growing season, removing arisings if a deep layer is formed.				1				1	1	1	1	
7.3	Hand pull or spot-treat with herbicide and tree or scrub species appearing through sward.				1					1			
7.4	Cultivate and re-seed areas of bare ground (as necessary during spring) using same seed mix as originally sown.			1	1								
7.5	<b>Year 5</b> Hand harrow and overseed with wildflowers only from original seed mix												either April or Sept
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Amenity grass turf areas</b>												
8.1	Water weekly for 2-4 weeks after installation. At times of drought, frequency of watering to be increased as required.	AR	AR	AR	AR	AR	AR	AR	AR	AR	AR	AR	AR
8.2	Mow throughout May - October to maintain a length of 35-50mm (14 visits)					2	4	3	2	2	1	1	