



# GREENSPACES MANAGEMENT 3-year Strategy

Routine Management & Improvement Plan covering the 25 sites owned and/or managed by Stroud Town Council.

*A three-year plan to run from financial year 2011/12 - 2013/14*



## THE NEW CEMETERY:

### ROUTINE

Grass is cut weekly in summer, other times as required,

Hedge pruning and tree maintenance as required.

Areas maintained include the new lower paddock and more areas in the old section near the entrance.

3x weekly rubbish tidy all year

Mowing height - 30-35mm year round due to uneven surface.

## THE OLD CEMETERY:

### ROUTINE

Main lawn and all pathways below the chapel - cut weekly in summer

All other pathways and access tracks - fortnightly in summer

Other times as required, hedge pruning and tree maintenance as required.

Path cutting to specific graves on request.

This site previously maintained 'as required'

3x weekly rubbish tidy all year

Mowing height - 65mm sum' & 45mm wint

## DAISY BANK:

### ROUTINE

Main lawn cut weekly in summer

Edges strimmed and playground mowed fortnightly in summer

Playground sand raked 3 times a week in school holidays, twice a week at other times.

Playground safety inspection weekly.

This site previously maintained 'as required'

3x weekly rubbish tidy all year

Mowing height - 65mm summer & 45mm winter

## IMPROVEMENTS

### 2011/12

Access Improvement Plan: June - removal of remaining unauthorised kerbs. Stored for 3 months. Summer: reseeding and leveling of newly cleared open areas.

Fencing and rearranging of bays and associated works to new burial area

Removal of evergreen hedgerow by new lawned area and overgrown area adjoining Horns Road to create extra burial areas.

Opening of new lawn area (maybe 12/13)

## IMPROVEMENTS

### 2011/12

Work as per management plan. Monitor badger set.

Removal of self-seeded trees and shrubs in western plots of the cemetery to restore maximum area of grassland. Then all such areas to be maintained on an annual cycle.

Clearance of brambles, saplings, ivy from memorials

Work with SDC to patch repair all pathways as required.

Restore Dorrington and Park mausoleums

Creation of informal pathway inside Bisley Road wall from paupers entrance

Investigate setting up of Friends Group

### 2012/13 - 2013/14

Work as per management plan

Further removal of self-seeded trees and shrubs in western plots of the cemetery to restore maximum area of grassland and continued restoration of key historic graves

## IMPROVEMENTS

### 2011/12

Make decision of future of sand area

### 2012/13

Investigate new access from cemetery

Implement decision on sand area

Work with SDC to install steps

## **BANK GARDENS:**

### **ROUTINE**

Mowed and strimmed weekly in summer, other times as required.

Garden bed maintenance as time allows

This site previously maintained 'as required'

Daily rubbish tidy all year

Mowing height - 40mm summer and 30mm winter

Revamp existing beds

## **PARK GARDENS:**

### **ROUTINE**

Mowed and strimmed weekly in summer, other times as required.

Garden bed maintenance as time allows, other times as required.

Playground safety inspected weekly

This site previously maintained 'as required'

Daily rubbish tidy all year

Mowing height - 30-35mm summer (65mm bank) and 45mm winter

## **UPLANDS PLAYING FIELD:**

### **ROUTINE**

Main pitch mowed by contractors, line marking done by us as requested.

Playground surrounds mowed and strimmed fortnightly, other times as required.

Playground inspected weekly, softfall raked weekly (soon to be replaced with new playground)

3x weekly rubbish tidy all year

This site previously maintained 'as required'

Mowing height - 30-35mm summer and 45mm winter

## **IMPROVEMENTS**

### **2011/12**

Agree design for paving / path near High Street entrance

Work with SDC on improvements to shed

Library bed or Fern bed part 2

Removal of triangular beds

Bulb planting

### **2012/13**

Library bed or Fern bed part 2

Instal new paved area High St entrance

### **2013/14**

Arid bed by Space

## **IMPROVEMENTS**

### **2011/12**

Complete raised drystone border wall to east of shelter

Resurface lower path with removal of small step to war memorial

2nd phase rebuild flood damaged wall on Slad Road

Rear brick wall cover up & bulb planting

### **2012/13**

3rd phase of Slad Rd wall rebuild.

## **IMPROVEMENTS**

### **2011/12**

Bulb planting

Ongoing maintenance of newly planted trees

## **TOWN CENTRE:**

(top of High St, police play area, )

### **ROUTINE**

Weekly inspection of play equipment and maintenance as required

These sites previously maintained 'as required'

3x weekly rubbish tidy all year

## **ST. LAURENCE CHURCHYARD:**

### **ROUTINE**

Strimmed weekly in summer, other times as required.

This site previously maintained 'as required'

3x weekly rubbish tidy all year

## **SWIFTS HILL TRIANGLE:**

### **ROUTINE**

Mowed and tidied once a month.

## **HOLY TRINITY CHURCHYARD:**

### **ROUTINE**

Strimmed and tidied monthly.

## **SUMMER ST BY-WAY & OPENSACE**

### **ROUTINE**

Greenspace and lane: Four times yearly mow and tidy according to Residents' Association plan.

Play area: fortnightly grass cut

1x weekly rubbish tidy all year

## **THE LONG GROUND**

### **ROUTINE**

Mixed mowing regime - some areas mown regularly, some left for whole season and others mown occasionally to provide a range of habitats.

3x weekly litter collections.

## **IMPROVEMENTS**

### **2011/12**

Investigate taking over management of all border areas in St Ismier Corner from GCC to assist Stroud in Bloom (not routine mowing)

## **IMPROVEMENTS**

### **2011/12**

Officially open new play area and complete additional improvements after consultation with residents.

Take over management of site from SDC

### **2012/13**

New hedge on boundary with woodland

## **IMPROVEMENTS**

### **2011/12**

Bulb planting in 3 locations (SiB/residents)

Open up brick bridge at Cainscross Road by removing saplings

Info boards/noticeboards

Finalise access arrangements with neighbouring residents. Monitor trolleys in stream.

Seek to establish residents group to meet 2x year

## THE LEAZES PLAYING FIELD:

### ROUTINE

Main lawn mown by contractors

Playground surrounds mowed and strimmed fortnightly, other times as required.

Playground safety inspection weekly

Daily rubbish tidy all year

Mowing height - 65mm summer and 45mm winter

## THE CHUR:

### ROUTINE

Weekly litter pick and mowed and strimmed monthly in summer. Other times & pruning as required.

## LOWER STREET TREES

### ROUTINE

Monthly sweep and tidy

## SIMM'S MEMORIAL CLOCK

### ROUTINE

Monthly sweep and tidy.

Annual service of clock

Weekly clock winding and time correction.

## PARLIAMENT ST BURIAL GROUND

### ROUTINE

Monthly mow of grass, litter pick and sweep path

## TRINITY POCKET PARK

### ROUTINE

Local residents to manage site with Stroud Valleys Project as previously. Weekly safety checks by STC.

## GENERAL

### ROUTINE

Two people 'do the rounds' each day, picking up rubbish Rob has collected, emptying litter and dog bins, picking up obvious rubbish and reporting back to GS Manager if there is vandalism or damage needing immediate attention.

## IMPROVEMENTS

### 2011/12

Ongoing maintenance of newly planted trees

## IMPROVEMENTS

### 2011/12

New fence and finalise Management Plan with local community

## THE FOOTPATHS

The footpaths are done in rotation from a list as time allows. Approximately one day a fortnight is put aside for this. If we receive a specific request or complaint we aim to do the work within 24 hours.

## THE ALLOTMENTS

The council also owns five allotment sites in the town. These are managed by the individual allotment associations on a day-to-day basis. The council however considers capital improvements and major repairs to the sites on an annual basis as part of its budget process.

## BISLEY OLD ROAD, SUMMER STREET & GANNICOX

## SPIDER LANE

## UPLANDS

### IMPROVEMENTS

#### 2011/12 - 2013/14

Complete tri-annual Footpath/Lost Ways survey  
Review which paths are maintained and use of contractor

#### 2011/12 - 2013/14

Implement improvements with GCC from Footpath Strategy inc new stiles, signposts & waymarks.

### IMPROVEMENTS

#### 2011/12

Agree options for new sites/extentions

### IMPROVEMENTS

#### 2011/12

Investigate extention to include small vacant area off Highfield Road for small family plots.

### IMPROVEMENTS

#### 2011/12

New fencing

Document approved by Stroud Town Council January 2011.  
Progress to be reviewed by the council's Recreation & Finance Committee on an annual basis.

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