

SANDIACRE PARISH COUNCIL

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE - SERVICES REQUIRED

SECOND PART

CEMETERY & CLOSED CHURCHYARDS – CHURCH DRIVE NG10 5EE

1. Old Closed Churchyard, Adjacent to St Giles' Church

- 14 cuts during growing season *1 April to 31 October = 7 months*
- Mow the grass using mowers or strimmers, as appropriate
- Regularly apply herbicide to paths, around headstones and kerbstones and **any** other areas requiring attention, including on graves, if weeds come through.
- Remove ivy from graves/headstones/walls to avoid invasive growth, including by perimeter wall adjacent to the farm
- Remove leaves and grass from paths after mowing

2. New Churchyard (Middle Closed Churchyard), St Giles' Parish Church

- 14 cuts during growing season *1 April to 31 October = 7 months*
- Mow the grass using mowers or strimmers, as appropriate
- Regularly apply herbicide to paths, around headstones and kerbstones and any other areas requiring attention, including on graves, if weeds come through
- Remove ivy from graves/headstones/walls to avoid invasive growth
- Remove leaves and grass from paths after mowing

3. Parish Council Cemetery, Church Drive

- 14 cuts during growing season *1 April to 31 October = 7 months*
- Flower beds remain neat and tidy and free from weeds
- **Memorial Rose Garden:** Mow grassed area and ensure neat and tidy appearance
- Mow the grass using mowers or strimmers, as appropriate
- Regularly apply herbicide to paths and around headstones
- Remove leaves and grass from paths after mowing

Hedging

- Trim the Beech hedge on top and both sides at least **twice** per year to keep to a manageable and safe height and width.
- Trim the Hawthorn hedge (running alongside Church Lane) at least **twice** per year, to ensure a neat and tidy appearance.

4. Church Drive: Small grass verge running alongside the perimeter wall

- 14 cuts during growing season *1 April to 31 October = 7 months*
- Mow the grass verge using rotary mowers or strimmers, as appropriate
- Remove ivy from walls to avoid invasive growth

Required

- ◆ All grass cuttings to be collected and disposed of off-site
- ◆ All grass edges to be clipped and tidied
- ◆ All hedges: Clip top and sides to a height of no more than **six feet** - Avoid bird nesting season
- ◆ All paths should be kept free from mown grass, moss, leaves and weeds.
- ◆ Derelict graves should be kept free of coarse grass, weeds and self-set vegetation
- ◆ Grassed areas inaccessible to mow should be strimmed to keep short
- ◆ Mow all grassed areas at least every 2 weeks through the growing season
- ◆ Perimeter wall should remain free from ivy
- ◆ Rose garden should be kept in good order and roses pruned in the Autumn
- ◆ Utmost care must be taken when mowing/strimming/working around memorials
- ◆ Weed treatment should be carried out as necessary with utmost care paid to any memorial plaques and headstones

IMPORTANT

All areas are high profile public open spaces and it is important to keep the areas in good order for the benefit of residents throughout the grounds maintenance / growing season.

Mowing requires low cutting of grass to ensure all public open spaces are an asset for the community and it creates an ongoing neat and tidy appearance.

Flower beds should be well maintained and create a colourful display twice per year.

Cemetery and closed churchyards

Inaccessible areas should be strimmed to keep short, especially in the Burial grounds.

Please confirm when grounds maintenance work is expected to commence and finish?

Expected start date (First cut): _____

Expected end date (Last cut): _____

REGULAR SCHEDULE OF WORKS

- Due to burials and interments occasionally taking place in the Cemetery or burial services being held at St Giles' Church, the Clerk should be notified when work is scheduled to take place.

Otherwise, the Clerk can notify the contractor's office in advance to notify them when a burial or interment is planned and on a particular day and time.

Sometimes, work will be halted if a burial or service is taking place and work can then resume.

- The Clerk should be provided with a schedule of works to identify when grounds maintenance work is likely to be carried out.

Schedule of work

For example:

Fortnightly, each Thursday and Friday.

Parks = Expected Thursday

Cemetery / Churchyard work = Expected Friday