



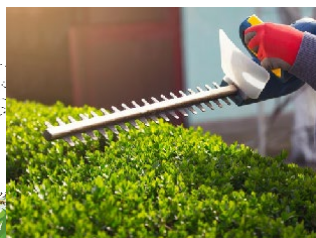
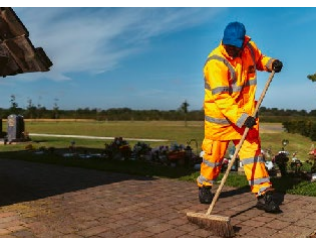
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1. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

Please see annual schedule of works below for Street Scene operations.

SCHEDULE	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Grass cutting HV			2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Grass cutting open spaces			1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2		
Weed spraying / including Knotweed sites												
Sightline pruning												
Annual prune												
Meadow grass												
Hedge cutting flail												
Tree works												
Leaf collecting												
Balsam prevention												
Street cleansing	Continuous											
Highway Sweeping	Continuous											

Grass Cutting

All schedules currently on track.

Shrub Pruning

Sight line prune is complete.

2. STREET CLEANSING

Sweeping Update

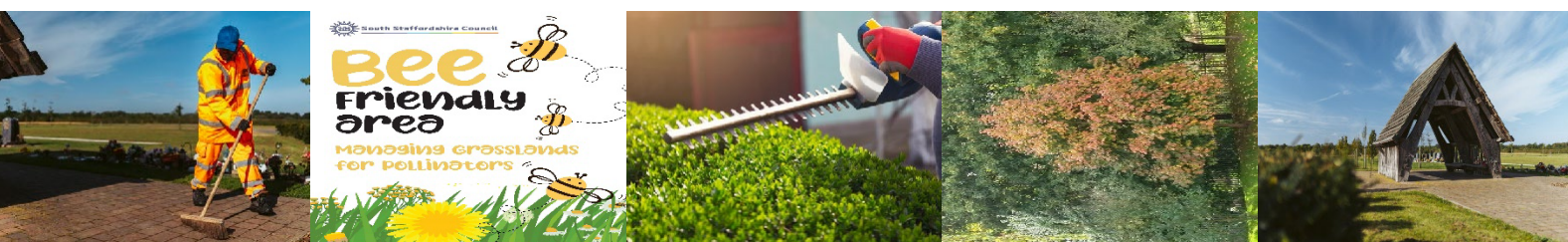
Sweeping continues in the district and it is anticipated that this will take place in Brewood, Coven, Wheaton Aston and Penkridge over the coming weeks.

Please note that only arterial routes are swept as part of the sweeping schedule.

Bin Emptying and Litter Picking

Our teams have been bin emptying and litter picking all over the district to schedule.

For further information regarding Street Scene services, please visit our website: [Street Scene South Staffordshire Council \(sstaffs.gov.uk\)](http://Street Scene South Staffordshire Council (sstaffs.gov.uk))



3. FLY TIPPING

During the month of July, we unfortunately had 103 fly tips reported, in July last year the figure was 90.

4. ENVIROCRIME

Locality	Fly tips	New investigations	FPN	Fly tips July 2021
1	13	2	1	
2	8	5	3	
3	31	7	2	
4	16	1	1	
5	35	2		
Totals	103	17		90

All of the FPNs issued are for littering offences. These are largely resulting from 2 overt cameras – one which was in place for fly tipping at Gailey Lea Reservoir and the other at Hilton Main Industrial Estate. The locality 1 FPN is from a witness who provided a statement to us.

We have forwarded 1 X fly tipping and 1 X littering case to Legal for consideration for prosecution.

We are hopeful that our next RIPA authority will be finalised very soon and have the papers completed in anticipation, we continue to operate a few cameras on an overt basis in some of the more prolific areas.

We have provided footage to police regarding a criminal incident at one of our camera sites this month and await an update from them.

5. TREE WORKS

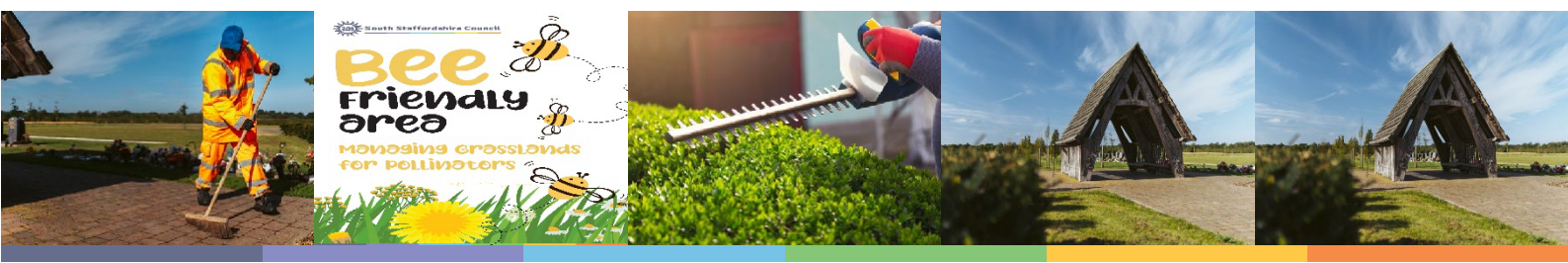
Our tree team are now completing tree works for our residents and businesses bringing additional income into the council, we have received very positive feedback from customers.

We have quoted on 46 Jobs since April 2022 and have been successful in the customer accepting the quote in over 60%. We are also seeing repeat customers which is a credit to the team and the hard work they undertake.

The team have been carrying out site line prune over the district (removing overhanging council owned shrubs from footpaths) to allow residents to freely walk on footpaths. This has meant that we have reduced the commercial aspect for the last 3 months.

We have ensured that any normal and emergency works will be completed by the in-house team rather than outsourcing to Contractors, when possible, which in turn provides saving to the council.

We are looking to commence commercial works over the next few weeks



6. BEREAVEMENT SERVICES

Cemetery Opening Times

Currently, the cemeteries are open to the public seven days a week from 9.00 to 8.00 and are open for burials, including the interment and scattering of ashes, Monday to Friday between 9.00 and 3.00.

Our seasonal opening times are:

1st October to 31st March - 9.00 until 4.30

1st April to 30th September - 9.00 until 8.00

Pre-Purchasing of Plots

Although considered by many to be a taboo subject that most of us want to avoid, funerals are an inevitable part of life and being organised and planning ahead can relieve some of the emotional stress and financial pressures on your loved ones.

It isn't uncommon for people to make arrangements for when they die, in fact 15% of people in the UK have already done just that *, but did you know that whilst many pre-paid funeral plans offered by funeral directors include everything from a coffin to flowers, they may not include your final place of rest or burial plot.

At each of our two cemeteries (Syth Lane in Wombourne and Strawberry Lane in Great Wyrley) we have plots available to purchase in advance whether your preference is burial or cremation. Choosing your exact plot and purchasing it at today's prices can give invaluable peace of mind to both you and your loved ones.

Contact us on 01902 696000 or bereavementservices@sstaffs.gov.uk or visit our website for more information: <https://www.sstaffs.gov.uk/life-events/pre-purchasing-a-grave-plot.cfm>

** Competition & Markets Authority (CMA) Funerals Market Study – March 2019*

Contact Details

For enquiries about our cemeteries and the services we offer please call 01902 696000. You can also visit our website for further information including useful links to plenty of organisations that can offer advice and support. [Arranging a Funeral South Staffordshire Council \(sstaffs.gov.uk\)](http://www.sstaffs.gov.uk)

Bereavement Services Video

Visit the Council's You Tube page to see our Bereavement Services video. On the video you can hear about the different options available and see stunning views of our cemeteries and surrounding South Staffordshire Countryside.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n9HG4UmIBIM&t=4s&fbclid=IwAR2hEeOnAdDFac5i1tqx811i-ynWzY9aPj6TqB1t-2nBKVIOGRK1vDSJNtl>

7. AD-HOC AND OTHER WORK

Bin Replacement

We are auditing and replacing various bins across the district which are damaged, and this is going to be a rolling program throughout the year, so please let us know if you have a damaged bin in your area.

Sign Replacement

We are replacing damaged signs across the district, so please let us know if you have damaged ones in your area

8. OTHER NEWS

We understand that it can be quite difficult to find the correct person for your queries, so I have put the below together to try and help.

Street Scene Contact Details:

Routine Scheduled Street Scene Operations – Bob Taylor or John Davies info@sstaffs.gov.uk

Tree Operations/Ad-hoc work/Quotes – Andy Aston a.aston@sstaffs.gov.uk

Bereavement Services – Bec Morgan r.morgan@sstaffs.gov.uk or bereavementservices@sstaffs.gov.uk

Envirocrime – Andy Aston, Rachel Porter or Louize Butler envirocrime@sstaffs.gov.uk

Opportunities with Residents, Parishes, Businesses and Schools

We are looking at potential new customers to use our in-house service and if you know anyone who may need a quote, please get in touch with myself on a.aston@sstaffs.gov.uk or call me on 01902 696000 for a **free quotation**.

Our services include:

- Grass cutting
- Hedge trimming
- Shrub pruning
- Weed spraying
- Tree works
- Tree/shrub planting
- Landscaping
- Litter picking
- Fly tipping
- Road sweeping
- Line marking
- Sports ground maintenance
- Community engagement programmes

Feedback

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