

Grounds Maintenance Standards

Castles & Coasts Housing Association (CCHA) will ensure that our communal grounds are kept clean and tidy, with hedges and shrubs cut back and grass areas maintained. This will include:

Grassed Areas



- All grassed areas will be cut (minimum of 13 visits between April and October)
- Litter, stones and other debris shall be collected immediately, prior to cutting or treatment being carried out
- All litter, debris etc will be removed from sites, and any adjoining hard surfaces, once works are completed
- Grass shall be cut to a consistent height
- Edges will be trimmed and/or sprayed, where required
- Hard standing areas will be sprayed to control weed growth, where required

Hedges, Shrubs, Flower Beds



- Trimming and shaping of shrubs and hedges (generally twice per year, but this is species dependant)
- Flower beds will be maintained monthly
- Shrubs, plants and hedges will be replaced, as required
- Hedges and shrubs adjacent to pathways will be regularly maintained, so that they do not cause any obstruction
- All litter will be removed (minimum monthly)

Trees



- Trees and woodlands within communal areas and estates will be managed and maintained through a proactive and risk-based approach
- Branches encroaching onto lights or properties will be cut back and removed
- All tree works will be carried out, in accordance with good arboricultural practice, British Standard 3998 (Recommendations for tree works) and the Wildlife & Countryside Act

CCHA is not able to maintain or fell trees in private or individual gardens, or to:

- Deter birds roosting
 - Prevent wind-blown pollen, blossoms, petals, seeds or leaves
 - Abate falling fruit, berries, nuts or sap
 - Improve access to natural daylight or for aesthetic views, as ad-hoc requests
 - Remove arboreal insects
 - Improve television reception to non-communal systems
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