Sutton-in-Craven Park Maintenance

Maintenance and upkeep standards.

Grass Areas (mowing season)

Grass areas – high standard: these areas are mown weekly and the clippings collected in a grass box.

- **Grass areas – standard**: these areas are mown fortnightly and the clippings are not collected.
- **Perimeters of grass areas**: grass edges are either trimmed through the summer months.
- Naturalised **bulb areas**: the naturalised bulb areas are cut in late June once the leaves of the bulbs have died down naturally.

Shrub and Rose Beds

- **Shrub Beds**: are lightly cultivated between October and November and then treated with an approved herbicide. A further application of herbicide may be made in June/July should this be necessary in order to keep the surface of the shrub bed weed free.
- **Shrub pruning**: shrubs will be pruned at the appropriate time of the year depending on species.
- **Shrub and rose bed perimeters**: are either trimmed through the summer months.
- **Roses**: the roses will be pruned by hand in March. The roses will be dead headed as required. They will be reduced in height by approximately one third to one half in November to prevent wind rock during the winter.

Flower Beds

Flower beds are to be planted twice yearly.

Hedges

Hedges will be cut either once or twice a year depending on the type of hedge.

Obstacles

This term includes items of furniture, lighting columns and inspection covers. Obstacles will be treated to prevent unsightly growth.

Multi Use Games Area

The MUGA will be kept free of leaves, litter, broken glass, loose gravel etc. In March/April the MUGA will be power washed. Lines to be repainted as required. The nets and/or top wire will be replaced should they become damaged or worn.

Boating Lake

The Boating Lake can only be full for a few days at a time. This is due to algae which form on the concrete bottom very quickly in warm weather making it very slippery. The only way to remove the algae is to drain the lake and to let it dry completely.

As the Boating Lake draws its water from the beck, it cannot be done during or just after rain, as the silt from the beck would then enter the lake. Good weather is required for several days in a row in order to fill the lake, keep it safe when in use, and for it to be maintained.

Children's Playground
- The Children's Playground and its equipment will be inspected for signs of damage and/or wear. The surface area of the playground will be kept clear of broken glass and litter.
- When play equipment is damaged, a small contingency budget is available to either effect a simple repair, remove the damaged equipment or immobilise it in order to ensure public safety.

Bowling/Putting Greens
These areas will receive the appropriate fine turf maintenance according to the game.

Football Pitches
Football pitches are marked out throughout the Winter season according to fixtures.

Footpaths
- Footpaths: are to be swept and kept free from weed/grass encroachment.
- Footpath repairs: currently carried out following risk assessment to footpaths and the most urgent repaired according to risk.

Litter Baskets (sites may vary)
Are to be emptied according to the frequency.

Public Toilets
- The public toilets are to be swept and cleaned with water and disinfected each day. Toilet paper will be replaced daily.
- Any repairs to the sanitary ware and fabric of the building is regarded as responsive maintenance.

Trees
- Trees which are damaged by gales and those in a dangerous condition will be made safe and dead or dying trees will be felled.
- Trees which are implicated in claims for damage to private property or public buildings and property will be inspected and dealt with as appropriate.

Graffiti
Graffiti of a racist or explicit nature will be removed from our property.

Gates or Metal Railings
Gates and metal railings are painted as required. Any other work is regarded as responsive maintenance.

Walls
Walls are repaired following damage as part of the responsive maintenance and according to priority.

Equipment
Maintained/renewed as required.