

## Update on verges

### Local Maintenance Update

The Parish Council hold quarterly meetings with Trafford Council, Greenspace and Street cleaning Contracts Manager. This is the latest update from our most recent meeting reviewing verges and surrounding areas, grass cutting, hedge trimming, leaf clearance and drainage. A full maintenance plan is now being put together, but here are some key updates:

- **Verges and grass:** Flailing (cutting back overgrowth) is planned for April/May across all areas. Cutting will follow this.
- **School Lane:** Parked cars are making it difficult to carry out work here, so this will need to be addressed.
- **Weed control:** Spraying will start in mid-May. With a new contractor and improved equipment, we're aiming for two treatments this year (with a second in late summer). Splitting the work into North and South areas should also help things run more smoothly.
- **Back Lane:** Still needs urgent attention to address undergrowth against the walls – a deeper clean is being considered.
- **Woodhouse Lane canal bridge:** Some low branches have been cleared, but we'll keep an eye on the rest as trees come into leaf.
- **Trees:** Inspections happen every 5 years. We're checking when the trees near the canal bridge are next due.
- **Drainage issues:**
  - Flooding is being managed directly with the Flooding team but two additional points were noted:
    - A manhole under the canal bridge needs attention as it can't currently be opened and does appear to contribute to flooding in the area.
    - Flooding is still an issue on Sinderland Lane near Green Lane Farm – gullies here will need clearing.

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### Litter and Clean-Up

The work that went into the recent litter pick was noted and appreciated.

- There are still some challenges with regular litter removal in certain areas, mainly due to safety concerns and contractual schedules.
  - If you report litter via the portal and it's urgent, you can ask for it to be escalated so it gets quicker attention.
  - We're also gathering more information on fly-tipping incidents.
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### **Other Points**

- We have clarified that the land owners/tenants are responsible for cutting back hedges that block road signs.
  - Some work we previously identified has been done on Oldfield Lane but Trafford are checking if more clearance is still needed.
  - These meetings will continue every quarter, and we may invite more teams along to help address specific issues.
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### **What's Next?**

A full verge maintenance plan and schedule will be shared by early May which we hope to communicate at the Parish Council Annual Assembly.

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If you've got any concerns or spot an issue, please keep reporting it via the Trafford portal– it really helps us prioritise the work 👍