

Stratford-on-Avon District Council Grass Verge Cutting

Frequently Asked Questions

Who cuts the verges?

All highway verges belong to Warwickshire County Council, but these can be maintained by different organisations depending on their location. Within settlements, it is likely to either be the District Council, Orbit Housing or the Parish Council. Details and maps of which areas are included in the District Council service are available on a designated page on *idverde* website. Outside of speed restricted settlements, they are maintained by Warwickshire County Council.

How often are they cut?

Warwickshire County Council maintains verges between settlements three times per year to maintain visibility on the roads for highway safety.

The District Council maintains them a minimum of six times per year. However, under the current service, 75% of the verges in the district are cut more frequently to maintain them below a height of 150mm.

Parish Councils may choose to cut them verges more frequently to maintain them to a higher standard.

Why don't the Council collect the grass cuttings?

To ensure we provide a value for money service, grass cuttings are not collected under the current service. Removing material would be very expensive due to the additional equipment and staff required as well as the transportation and disposal costs.

Grass cuttings have been left in the road and look messy.

Our Contractors clear cuttings off pavements and private driveways whilst carrying out the work. However, any cuttings in the road will be left due to health and safety. Our street cleaning contractors provide a district-wide channel sweeping service and, where possible, we look to co-ordinate services to clear grass cuttings after the cuts have taken place.

Why are there tufts and streaks left behind after the mowers have moved on?

Due to the equipment used in maintaining the verges, grass can be pushed down by the front of the mower rather than cut by the mower blades.

Can I cut the verge outside my house?

Should residents wish to maintain the verges outside their home to a higher standard, they are able to do this but should consider their own and others safety before doing so. Any such maintenance would not transfer ownership of the highway verge.