

Grounds Maintenance Comparison Table

Area / Task	Grass Cutting	Flower beds	Weed control	Hedge cutting	Tree maintenance	Gritting	Initiatives	Reporting issues	Other
North Yorkshire Council (Harrogate Standard)	Fortnightly (Apr-Oct) Clippings left	Maintained fortnightly	Treated in April and Sept	Twice annually (Jul-Aug, Nov-Jan)	Inspected on a 3-5 year rolling programme	Occurs but not formally specified	None specified	Standard contact channels	Garden Assistance for vulnerable tenants
Broadacres	16 cuts annually (Apr-Oct) Clippings left	Maintained during growing season; reduced in winter	Not specified	Twice annually	Regular inspection – will plant new trees where appropriate	Not specified	None specified	Estate inspections and standard contact channels	
Yorkshire Housing	Every 2 – 3 weeks Clippings left	Shrubs pruned up to 3 times per year; winter maintenance included	Up to twice annually	Not specified	In line with any specific local arrangements	Carried out to sheltered properties	Annual garden awards with multiple categories	Site audits and standard contact channels	Support for tenants via Home Improvement Agency
Women's Pioneer Housing	Every 2 weeks (Apr-Oct)	Every 4 weeks	As required	Twice Annually	Regular inspection and maintenance	sheltered schemes only	None specified	Estate inspections and via written request	
Westward Housing	Every 2 weeks (Apr-Oct)	1-2 times a year depending on species	As required	2-4 times a year	Not specified	Not specified	None specified	Estate inspections and standard contact channels	
Thirteen Group	Frequency not specified; seasonal	Frequency not specified	Frequency not specified	Frequency not specified	Inspection at an appropriate frequency	Not specified	In summer, grass left to grow long creating native wildflower meadows & walkways	Estate visits and neighbourhood coordinator contact	Concessionary Garden Scheme for elderly and vulnerable tenants

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Together Housing Group	14 cuts per year (Apr – Oct); Clippings left	Annually	Three times a year	Twice annually	Monitored regularly	Not specified	Biodiversity areas left uncut	Monthly contractor audits; standard contact	Maps available online and weather forecasts for grounds maintenance
Jigsaw Homes	Frequency not specified; must be kept no higher than 50mm	Maintained for healthy growth	All areas must be free from weed control	Must not obstruct	Must ensure safety	Not specified	None specified	Issues reported via Jigsaw Connect or on site visits	Specification based approach rather than a frequency based approach
Platform Housing Group	Monthly (Mar-Oct) Clippings left	Maintained regularly	Spot treatment all year round	Maintained regularly but no cutting Mar – Jul	Maintained but frequency not specified	Not specified	None specified	Local Estate Inspector or standard contact	
Canterbury City Council	Approx. every 10 working days (Mar – Oct)	Wildflower beds annually Shrubs herbaceous and roses – every four weeks	Treated as required	Twice annually (Jul and Sept)	Inspected bi-annually	Not specified	Previously have done annual gardening competition	Online reporting tool	Online Map showing maintenance schedules
West Lothian Council	11 cuts per year; strimming every third cycle	Twice annually	Twice annually	Once annually	Not specified	Not specified	None specified	Online reporting tool	

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Dudley Council	12 – 14 cuts per year (Apr – Oct)	Roses pruned Mar-Oct Other pruning Nov-Feb	Treated in March and July	Twice annually (Jul and Sept)	Inspections undertaken regularly	Not specified	Annual garden competition	Online tree reporting tool; other issues via standard contact	Garden Assistance Services for vulnerable tenants
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