

Warwickshire Community Lengthsman Scheme

1. Introduction

Following the commencement of the Rugby Parish Highways Lengthsman pilot, WCC Officers have received numerous requests from Town and Parish Councils (TPCs) to undertake similar schemes elsewhere in the County.

WCC are fully committed to supporting TPCs in the delivery of services to their communities. As such, we will proactively progress discussions regarding the viability of similar schemes, whilst recognising that the current nature of funding made available to support the Rugby pilot will not be available to further TPCs

2. Works Considered

Under the current pilot scheme, the following works are considered as being suitable for a third party contractor to undertake:

a) Drainage

- Clear gully grates
- Dig out blocked gullies
- Clear verge grips
- Clear headwalls, outfalls
- Rod blocked drains if practical
- Advise landowners and frontagers when their ditches need cleaning
- In especially difficult circumstances clear ditches – only with prior agreement of the Manager

b) Vegetation Clearance

- Remove vegetation obstructing signs
- Remove vegetation at junction visibility splays
- Removal of basal tree growth from highway trees
- Pulling / cutting of noxious weeds following site specific approval from the Manager
- Side out footways to normal width and spread arisings on verge where possible
- Negotiate with frontages for them to cut back overhanging

c) Miscellaneous

- Rotation and charging of mobile Vehicular Activated Signs (VAS) following site specific approval and authorisation from the Manager
- Clean dirty signs (except illuminated signs)
- Painting of heritage cast iron direction signs
- Snow clearance and gritting / salting by hand
- Removal of illegal fly posting
- Maintenance and repainting of highways approved visibility fencing
- Cleaning of subways

d) Footway

- Siding footway
- Weed spray only if Approved Operator (PA1 & PA6 Qualification)
- Pothole repairs using WCC provided materials and agreed processes.

Consideration will be given to additional Schemes would undertake similar works.

3. Training Requirements

The Lengthsman must have attended the free training session provided by Warwickshire County Council maintaining and removing temporary traffic management on rural and urban roads before being allowed to undertake any of the works outlined in Schedule 1 above

Any Lengthsman who has carried out this training session shall not be required to carry it out again for 3 years.

4. Contacts and Further Details

In the first instance, initial discussions should be held with the Localities and Partnerships Team or with County Highways. Contacts are as follows

Stratford District:

Localities and Communities Officer: Amanda Wilson Patterson (01926 413 642)

County Highways: Paul Cowley (01926 412515)

Rugby Borough

Localities and Communities Officer: Louise Boffey/ Hannah Cramp (01788 533 656)

County Highways: Mervyn Hancox (01926 412515)

Warwick District

Localities and Communities Officer: Jane Coates (01926 456 103)

County Highways: Paul Cowley (01926 412515)

North Warwickshire

Localities and Communities Officer: Alistair Rigby (02476 375 700)

County Highways: Mervyn Hancox (01926 412515)

Nuneaton and Bedworth

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