

Hedges – Rural maintenance

Service summary:

Normally, we don't cut rural hedges as they are the responsibility of the person whose land they're on.

However, if an overgrown hedge starts to cause problems for road users we will ask the landowner to cut it back. If he doesn't, we'll do the work and send him the bill.

We will:

- look into all incidents reported to us
- ask landowners to sort the problem out within 14 days
- after 14 days, do the work ourselves, if necessary, and send the landowner the bill.

You can help by:

- letting us know if you see any overgrown hedges causing problems for road users
- if the hedge is on your land, keeping it trimmed so it doesn't overhang the road or interfere with visibility.

The service does not include:

- hedges that are not on the roadside.

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Frequently asked question:

Rural hedge maintenance

1. What if the landowner won't cut his hedge when asked?

We cut it ourselves and send him the bill. The most environmentally friendly time to cut hedges is between October and March to cause the least disruption to wildlife.