

Shrub and flower borders

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Service summary:

We provide shrub and flower displays right across the district, on roadside verges, housing estates, and in parks and green spaces.

Shrub beds

We will:

- keep the beds looking good and free of weeds
- prune regularly, according to the type of shrub, to promote flowering and autumn colour and to keep pathways clear of overhanging branches. Sometimes, we'll leave shrubs unpruned to create a more natural effect
- clean out the beds during the winter, pruning, removing debris and mulching or spraying weed killer to prevent weeds growing. We undertake to keep our use of chemical weedkillers to the absolute minimum
- replant beds with new shrubs from time to time to keep our displays at their most attractive.

Flower-beds

We will:

- replant flower-beds in spring and autumn, (or in some cases just for the summer season)
- reduce the amount of peat we use, where there are effective alternatives
- weed and keep our flower-beds looking at their best during the summer, less often during the winter.



You can help by:

- reporting damage to plants and any branches overhanging pathways
- letting us know how you think we could improve our shrub and flower borders. All suggestions will be considered.

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Frequently asked questions

1. Why haven't you planted any flowers this autumn in the beds at X.?

To help keep costs down, some beds are only planted up for the summer season. We will be replanting these beds again next May/June.

2. When will you be planting the flowerbeds at X?

We plant summer bedding in May/June. Spring bedding, (which flowers February to May) is planted the previous October.

3. There are gaps in the shrub bed at X. When are you going to replant it?

During spring and summer we make a record of all the beds that we will need to replant. Then from October to March all the new shrubs are put in.

4. The bed at X is full of litter.

Please tell us where the bed is. We will arrange for it to be cleaned up.

5. What is this shrub called?

Please speak to us, describe the shrub as best you can and tell us where it is. A photograph may help us to identify it. We will do our best to identify it for you.

6. The shrubs at X are overhanging the path.

Please tell us where the problem is. We will arrange to have the offending shrubs cut back.