

Parish Ranger Scheme

What does the Scheme offer?

Scope of work:

- Ability to undertake additional Works that are beyond the scope of normal maintenance regimes
- Ability to undertake unique work that falls outside of routine responsibilities
- Ability to undertake works that are no longer undertaken or have had their funding reduced
- Ability to undertake responsive works that are requested by the Parish Council

This includes:

- Horticultural works / cutting back of overgrowth / bulb & tree planting
- Management of Environmental / conservation areas
- Additional clearance of flood alleviation / drainage systems
- Additional Litter clearance
- Installation / Repairs to fence & gates
- Additional herbicide applications
- Additional clearance of street weeds

Reporting Process:

- The Streetscene Team manage the day to day work of the Ranger and are responsible for his management, H&S, training etc.
- An Annual work programme of routine tasks is agreed with the Parish prior to commencement of the scheme and circulated to all members for clarity.
- There is a single point of contact agreed between the Parish & SSDC Landscape Officer to avoid multiple and conflicting demands, usually the Clerk

Skills base

The ranger in particular is trained to undertake:

- Conservation management
- Herbicide application
- Minor arboricultural works
- Minor landscaping and countryside building skills (fencing etc)
- Cleansing operations
- Chapter 8

However; when required additional skills can be called upon depending on the project, these can include:

- Major arboricultural works including tree risk and inspection
- Open space risk assessment
- Open space design and management

Cost

- There is an hourly rate of £17 per hour+vat (at January 2013)