

Front Garden Specification: Newhall 2023/24

This information sheet provides a useful summary of some of the key highlights in our landscaping programming during a year. It covers a range of topics, from border management and weeding to pruning, rose care, and lawn maintenance. The sheet offers insight how we ensure that the outdoor spaces in Newhall are well-maintained and visually appealing.

- **Borders:** Encourage complete cover of shrub, herbaceous and groundcover growth, allowing the individual plants to achieve as nearly as possible their natural form.
- **Weeding:** Carry out throughout the growing season.
- **Pruning:** Prune shrubs at the appropriate time of year to develop their desirable ornamental characteristics, remove deadwood and encourage new growth. Do not cut shrubs to shape.
- **Roses:** Prune and fertilise annually, dead-heading in summer.
- **Hedges:** Clip to maintain a uniform and tidy appearance and a well-developed cover of vegetation over the whole of the hedge surface.
- **Cutting Back Herbaceous Perennials:** Cut off dead stems at the base before new shoots appear in spring. Remove damaged or unsightly growth throughout the year as required.
- **Climbers/Wall Plants:** Prune appropriately to encourage vigour. Remove excess growth to ensure that signs, light fittings, doors and windows are kept clear at all times. Attach any insecure growth to supporting wires or structures where these are provided.
- **Arisings:** Remove (Arisings are earthworks, which have been removed).
- **Lawns:** The objective is to encourage dense and even stand of grass of uniform height and colour.
- **Grass cutting:** Cut regularly throughout the growing season and reinstate worn and damaged areas.