

VERGE MAINTENANCE FAQ'S

To facilitate road safety, Dumfries & Galloway Council (the “**Council**”) maintains 7,457km (4,633 miles) of road verges adjacent to public roads in rural locations.

The Council is not responsible for any grassed areas or verges adjacent to the Trunk Road Network (A75T, A76T, A77T, A701T), private roads, private footways, or vegetation/hedges coming from private dwellings adjacent to the public footways in urban locations.

Who cuts the verges in rural locations which are not adjacent to the Trunk Road Network?

The maintenance of the grass and verges adjacent to [Public Roads](#) outside 30mph speed limits in rural locations is carried out by contractors on behalf of the Council's Roads Service.

Who cuts the grass in urban locations within 30mph speed limits?

Maintenance of grass and verges in urban locations is delivered by the Council's Streetscene Team, if the Council has responsibility for maintaining the grass and verges. However, private landlords and housing associations are responsible for maintenance of their own property.

What do we cut?

A 1m cut from the edge of the road is carried out along the verge and extra width is cut on the approach to junctions and signs to allow for visibility.

When do we cut?

The verge cutting is a seasonal operation, with the service starting May/June dependant on grass growth and ending September/October as Autumn/Winter draws near.

The cutting of road verges is carried out by the contractor in a systematic order to an indicative timeframe dependant on current growth and resources:

- First cut on Class A and B roads (including Cyclepaths) – May to June
- Cut on the Class C and U roads – July to August
- Second cut on Class A and B roads and Cyclepaths – August to September

Does the Council use pesticides when verge cutting?

The Council does not use pesticides as part of the verge cutting maintenance.

What does the Council do to protect the natural habitats found on verges?

Where possible, we leave as much natural habitat as possible. However, we have a legal responsibility under the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 to maintain verges in respect of road safety.

How do I report an issue with verge maintenance in my area?

Any issues regarding verge maintenance should be reported through [Report It](#) or by calling our Contact Centre on 030 3333 3000.

