

GREAT LONGSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

ST GILES CHURCHYARD (CLOSED) MOWING AND MAINTENANCE TENDER SPECIFICATION

MARCH 2025 TO DECEMBER 2027

The area in front of the church (marked A1 and A2 on map) is to be mowed at regular intervals between late March and mid to late October. Intervals between cuts should be no less than 12 days and no more than 16 days.

One cut will be omitted, in the 2nd half of May, in the area marked "A2". (The reason is that the area has a larger variety of indigenous flowering plants, and we want to give them a chance to grow and seed, without letting the area become too overgrown).

The area to the side and rear of the church (marked B on the map) will be mowed at same intervals as in area "A" above until early May. This area will then be left to grow until early September. It will then "strimmed" (during the first 2 weeks of September) on a date to be agreed with the Clerk to the Council or the Conservation Project Leader (who will arrange for the cuttings to be raked and removed). After the cutting have been removed the area will then revert to being cut at the same times as Area A.

A single "mower wide" swath is to be cut along the north ("B") side of the footpath running from the squeeze stile to the south-east corner of the church, at the same time intervals as the area A2 (i.e. roughly every 2 weeks with one cut omitted in late May to allow the Saxafrage to flower).

Three small areas in front of the church, shown in red on the map, are to be treated in the same as "area B".

Area "C" is not included as a part of this contract.

An appropriate weed killer, taking into account any risks to persons or animals, is to be applied at regular and reasonable intervals on 3 occasions, between April and September, around memorials and on path edges in Area A. Contractor to be responsible for abiding to Health and Safety laws when using weed killer products.

The areas around the large memorials, along the eastern (roadside) boundary of the churchyard, that cannot be mown, are to be strimmed at reasonable and regular intervals on at least 6 occasions between April and September.

The Council reserves the right to request that the above detailed areas be mowed edged or trimmed at any time during the above detailed period if it considers that there is a specific need to do so, and the successful contractor shall comply with this request, at no further cost provided that the request does not exceed the maximum number of occasions detailed in the specification. The work shall be carried out as soon as possible and in any case within 3 working days.

The successful applicant will be responsible for the mowing and maintenance and the **disposal away from the site and village of all the waste resulting from the activity.**

Quality and cost considerations will be taken into account before awarding any contract. Any applicant may be required to provide references/details of referees in respect of commercial work undertaken prior to the award of contract.

Professional, Public and Employer liability insurance details of any applicant and the successful contractor may be requested by the Council at any time before the granting of the contract and/or at any time during the term of contract. Any person or company submitting a tender hereby agrees to provide details of insurance including the current certificate of insurance held.

All applicants must provide written details of similar commercial work undertaken in the last three years. The successful applicant shall keep records of when and what work is undertaken and shall at the reasonable request of the Parish Council produce these records on demand to the Parish Clerk.

Tenders are to be submitted by post to the Simon Headington, Great Longstone Parish Council, c/o Church Croft, Church Lane, Great Longstone, Bakewell, DE45 1TB, by no later than Friday 3rd January 2025.

Please write in the top left-hand corner of envelope: "Churchyard Tender 2025"

The Parish Council will consider tenders at its meeting on Wednesday 8th January 2025.

Simon Headington
Clerk to Great Longstone Parish Council