

Establishment regime

Year 1 establishment (seeding and planting year)

Carry out planting between November and March

Plant trees in prepared pits backfilled with topsoil, fertiliser and soil conditioner, in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations. Do not use peat-based products.

Protect shrubs with shelters and stakes

Support and protect trees with double stakes and ties

Provide shelter and prevent short-cuts for park road-side planting with geotextile fence line to a height of 750mm to windward side or side which is more vulnerable to traffic

Use chestnut pale fence in order to prevent short cuts across new planting

Sow grass seed or lay turf on prepared bed during correct climatic conditions, and mow as necessary to achieve thick sward no higher 75mm

Sow seed in Spring or early Autumn when the soil is warm, in correct climatic and weather conditions, and mow as necessary to achieve thick sward no higher 75mm

Sow wildflower seed on prepared bed from which any topsoil has been removed and allow to grow, flower and shed seed before any cut, in accordance with supplier's instructions.

Years 1 – 5, each year (maintenance)

Keep grass short around bases of trees with mowing and / or mulch mats, as appropriate

Inspect tree ties, stakes and shelters / guards; loosen and remove as necessary with all being removed by year 5.

Trim roadside planting and planting at top of retaining walls annually during correct season to obtain a dense shrub area

Replace any trees or shrubs which are dead or failing to thrive in the winter of each year.

Mow amenity grass areas as required to ensure sward does not exceed 50mm.

Exact wildflower maintenance regime for wildflower areas to be determined in consultation with seed supplier.

Cut wildflower area only once a year, at end of summer / early autumn when flowering is over.

Leave grass and stems on ground for two weeks afterwards, to allow seed to fall, then remove the grass and stem, to prevent them from enriching the soil (which would allow common grasses to out-compete the wildflowers).

Water trees and shrubs if drought conditions occur.

Inspect coppice species in Gorse and Coppice bed from year 3 onwards to check readiness for coppicing (depending on growth). Coppice as required from this point onwards

Inspect and maintain all fencing, paying attention to stock proof fencing

Suggested ongoing maintenance operations

Amenity grass: continue to keep grass short around bases of trees with regular mowing

Wildflower grass: continue to prevent common grass from out-competing wildflowers, following above techniques.

Roadside planting and planting at tops of retaining walls: regular trimming to ensure dense, but slightly informal shape, and to prevent too much vertical growth that would ultimately block views towards sea

Shrubs: regular trimming to remove damaged or diseased branches, maintain desired shape and size / height, and to avoid over-crowding

Trees: prune as necessary to maintain good shape and to avoid disease, overcrowding, or low canopies

Gorse and Coppice block: thin as and coppice as required to maintain a dense, twiggy area, which blocks close views but allows longer views towards bay and cliffs beyond