

Briefing Note

Public footpath and public spaces maintenance in Trewidland

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1.0 Background

1.1 A new Contractor has been found to carry out the planned maintenance on our Public Footpaths and on the small amount of public space in Trewidland. The new Contractor lives in St Keyne and already carries out some gardening and landscaping work for residents and landowners in the Parish. He comes very well recommended and can start the work right away.

2.0 Scope of work

2.1 A cutting schedule has been agreed with the Footpaths Working Group and the Contractor has visited all the locations with Councillor Kevin Shovelton (see below). Most of the locations are on actively farmed land, the ground cover on which will vary according to the farmer's land use throughout the year. Although the contract will involve cutting twice a year – in May and September – the Contractor understands the need for flexibility, as sometimes due to the land use there may be no need to cut, while at other times more than two cuts may be required. The cutting will concentrate on keeping the entry and exit points onto footpaths clear and accessible, however when necessary the surface of the Rights of Way may need to be cut too. Maintaining the little 'garden' area in front of the noticeboard in the middle of Trewidland has also been included in the Contract. Our new Contractor has done this work for the Parish Council occasionally in the past.

3.0 Costs

3.1 The Contractor's rate is £15 per hour and he estimates that the cutting will take two days. This is within the budget projected for footpath maintenance in the Parish. The Parish Clerk will draw up a formal Contract for the work.

Note from Parish Clerk: The annual budget for footpath maintenance for 2025/26 was agreed at the council meeting on 13 November 2024, and set at £630. To date, none of these funds have been drawn down. The Local Maintenance Partnership (LMP) is funding from Cornwall Council that contributes to the cost of maintaining pathways, and is expected to be approximately £100 in the current year.

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Trewidland footpath/public spaces maintenance schedule 2025

Footpath	Description	Cutting requirement
629/5/1	Vineyard entrance to Railway	Cut surface and trim overhanging branches at footbridge
607/4/1	Lower Reedy Mill to Bultse Lane	Cut entrance and exits only
607/18/1	Railway to Landlooe	Trim Shrubbery from Railway to stile
607/18/3	Village Hall to Landlooe	Cut pathway across 2 x fields and around gateways
607/19/1	Lowertown House to Lake	After track, cut pathway across 2 x fields and around gateways
607/21/1	Pensipple Lane to Brendon	Cut entrance and exits only
607/24/1	Fursdon stream to Trewen	Cut around gate at Fursdon Stream; and at road entrance/exit at Trewen (Little Pensipple)
607/29/1	Little Trehere to Fursdon stream	Cut around gateway at Little Trehere; cut pathway across first field; cut around gateway to second field; cut overgrowth around gateway to third field; cut overgrowth at bottom of third field and across stream.
Public space	Small 'Garden' area at village noticeboard/shop in centre of village	Keep the planting tidy, remove weeds and cut back overgrowth