

## Earlham Cemetery 2016

Three main cutting regimes identified, as well as the standard regime, which applies on the unnumbered panels.

**Fungi cut** – these are areas good for fungi and the panels can be cut as for a standard cut through the summer, but cutting should cease at the start of October, or if it looks like there are a lot fungi present. Cuttings can be left and not raked.

**Summer meadow cut** – this is for areas of early summer flowers, such as meadow saxifrage. This involves a cut from the end of July- end of August, with cuttings raked up.

**Late summer meadow cut** – this is for later flowering plants, such as knapweed or ox eye daisy. This involves cutting from late August – mid-September, with cuttings raked up.

We have also discussed a **late winter cut** in March for areas that are very grassy, with no spring flowers such as primroses or bluebells. This has been missed this year, but will be reviewed over the winter with any possible areas identified then. This is to reduce fertility on grassy areas and will need to be a cut and collect.

**Trimming edges** – there are have been come complaints about the “untidiness” of some of the late summer blocks; we agreed that trimming the edges of these (the first metre) to keep it looking neater was acceptable, as is cutting access to tended graves.

**Notable plants outside of conservation panels** – FOEC to mark/protect and then moved by hand when in seed. FOEC to notify Sue when about to move plants. Yellow rattle – Helen to liaise with FOEC over introduction of yellow rattle to area 7.

**Wild clary** – FOEC to mark with canes if is not in any of the panels mentioned below.

Area	Special interest	Cutting regime	When to cut & notes
1	Range of grassland plants	Summer meadow cut	End July – end August  Cut and collect mower ok
2	Meadow saxifrage	Summer meadow cut	End July-August  Volunteer raking or cut and collect mower  Tended graves to be cut
3	Wild clary	Summer meadow	End July-August  Volunteer raking if possible or cut and collect mower  Tended graves in this area to be cut as standard.  VERY IMPORTANT: Do not cut the

			single Wild Clary plant that remains (on path edge at southern edge of this area).
4		Summer meadow	End July-August  Volunteer raking or cut and collect mower
5	Range of grassland plants	Late summer meadow	Late August-mid September  Volunteer raking  Edge can be trimmed if needed to reduce complaints.
6	Spring bulbs	Summer meadow	End July – August  Cut and collect mower
7	Rank grassland	Late summer meadow	Late august – mid September  Volunteer raking if possible
7b	Ladies smock	Late summer meadow	Late August – September  Volunteer raking if possible
8	Spring bulbs	Late summer meadow	Late august – September  Cut and collect mower or volunteers  Areas can be left uncut over winter.
9		Late summer meadow	Trim edges of panels adjacent to war graves area.  Cut and collect mower or volunteers.
10	Rank grassland	Late summer meadow	Late August-September
11	Rank grassland	Late summer meadow	Late August – September  Can leave 1-3 panels uncut in any year to leave patches of tall grassland over winter for hibernating bees and butterflies etc.  Cut and collect mower or volunteers.
12	Meadow saxifrage	Summer meadow	End July-end August

			Volunteer raking
13	Rank grassland	Late summer meadow	Late August – September  Volunteer raking.
14	Rank grassland; notable for bee population	Late summer meadow	Late August – September  Leave approx. 1/3 uncut each year.  Volunteer raking
15	Grassland here improving in diversity with management	Late summer meadow	Late August – September  Cut and collect mower fine
16	Fungi & meadow saxifrage (Fungi is the priority)	Fungi cut	Standard cut through summer  Stop cutting early October  Leave cuttings in place
17 – 19	Fungi area	Fungi cut	Standard cut through summer  Stop cutting early October  FOEC to notify Sue if cutting needs to stop earlier  Leave cuttings in place
19b	Meadow saxifrage	Summer meadow	End July-end August  Cut and collect mower or volunteers.  19b is the area of abundant meadow saxifrage and primroses; this is north, across the path from 19, going up to the compound.
20	Good area for nesting birds	No management	Any tree work to be outside the bird nesting season of February – August.