

# South Hinksey Parish Council

## Invitation to quote – South Hinksey

South Hinksey Parish Council invites you to submit a quotation for the 2018 contract. The five areas of work are:

**1. Roadside verges.** Cutting the verges and traffic islands, as marked in green on the plans on pages 5 and 6 of the 2015 tender documents attached, seven times this season and trimming back any hedgerows encroaching on the verges and maintaining shrubs on Hinksey Hill traffic islands as needed.

**2. Village Fête mowing.** Mowing once per year two areas of 30mx35m in the field to rear of Village Hall. All grass mowings and cuttings are to be taken away and must go for proper legal disposal and not be dumped locally.

**3. Footpath.** Ensuring that bushes and weeds do not encroach onto the footpath connecting South Hinksey village with the City of Oxford, called the Devil's Backbone, between the western end of the footbridge over the railway and where the path meets Manor Road in South Hinksey. See map on page 4 of the 2015 tender documents attached.

**4. Weed control.** Twice per year treating weeds and removing the debris along pavements, curbs and roadsides on Manor Road, St Lawrence Road and Parker Road in South Hinksey village, and along Hinksey Hill (including traffic islands).

**5. Burial ground, including wildflower meadow.** Frequency and timing of cutting dependent on weather and grass growth.

All grass mowings and cuttings are to be taken away and must go for proper legal disposal and not be dumped locally, along Parker Road or anywhere else.

**a) Grave area, all paths including those in the wildflower meadow, and outside the fence along Parker Road**

Close mow to keep tidy throughout the year. The paths in the wildflower meadow should be about 3ft wide. Cuttings to be taken away.

The paths within the wildflower meadow should be mown with a walk-behind rotary mower. A sit-on mower should not be used – it makes too wide a path, flattens and crushes the grass either side, and makes ruts in the ground.

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## b) The wildflower meadow itself

There will be a hay cut which is being arranged separately. It will be done, by scything, by volunteers in July or August. It is not included in this specification and should not be quoted for.

Following this we need to mow any re-growth. Please quote for two cuts, though only one may be needed, depending on growth. These will be between September and early November. Final cut to be to about 1-2 inches. A sit-on mower is ok for this.

Geoffrey Ferres  
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