

# Community Sports Fields grass cutting proposal

Our well used sports fields look a mess! They are both well used by many parishioners and our sports teams.

Currently the grass cutting schedule for the village hall playing field and Simons Cross is:

1	<i>Village Hall</i>	<i>Grass cutting</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>£42.00</i>	<i>£588.00</i>
2	<i>Simons Cross Football Field</i>	<i>Grass cutting</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>£49.00</i>	<i>£588.00</i>

This compares to the cemetery below:

9	<i>Cemetery and extension</i>	<i>Grass cutting entire cemetery and extension /removal of grass.</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>£336.00</i>	<i>£5,712.00</i>
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This is a proposal to increase grass cutting at our two sports community areas to a weekly cut going forward, April – September 24 – 28 visits.

The full year cost for both would increase to:

Simons Cross 24 visits :       £1,176

Village Hall 28 visits:       £1,176

Total                               £2,352

(an increase of £1,176) Still less than half of the Cemetery grass cutting cost!

To increase this from July this year would increase costs by about £600 - £700 (I will have to get a new quote to be certain). East Suffolk Services would be able to incorporate the additional work from 1 August 2024.

I am confident we have sufficient slack in our budget this year to cover this. We haven't spent £1,850 on maintenance operative in Q1.

This proposal is therefore to approve increased grass cutting from 1 August 2024 and for the full year in subsequent years.