



# BISHOPS LYDEARD WEED CONTROL TENDER

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Prepared for Cllr Alison Roberts — Bishops Lydeard Parish Council.



## COMPANY PROFILE

Mackay Gardening Services Ltd is a family-run grounds maintenance contractor based in Chard, established in 2017. We specialise in the delivery of reliable, high-quality grounds maintenance services to municipal, commercial, and residential clients across Somerset, Devon, and Dorset.

We have a proven track record of maintaining public open spaces, and communal areas to a high standard, with a strong focus on safety, presentation, and customer satisfaction. Our flexible and responsive approach allows us to tailor services to meet site-specific requirements while ensuring consistent service delivery throughout the contract period.

We hold £5,000,000 Public Liability Insurance and £10,000,000 Employers' Liability Insurance



# Village Weed Control Proposal

BISHOPS LYDEARD, SOMERSET

SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT (SLA) & PROPOSAL

## 1. INTRODUCTION

This Service Level Agreement (SLA) and proposal outline the provision of weed control services along roadside pavement kerb edges, pavements, and similar hard-surfaced public areas within the Parish of Bishops Lydeard, Somerset.

The objective is to maintain a clean, safe, and visually acceptable environment through effective weed management, delivered in a professional, environmentally responsible, and compliant manner.

This proposal is based on a **one-off initial clearance/treatment**, with **future maintenance visits to be agreed separately**.

## 2. SCOPE OF WORKS

The Contractor shall undertake weed control operations including, but not limited to:

- Removal and/or treatment of weeds growing:
  - Along roadside kerb edges
  - On pavements and footpaths
  - Around street furniture and similar hard surfaces
- Clearance of associated detritus, including:
  - Soil build-up
  - Moss and organic matter
  - Litter disturbed during operations

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**Target Areas:**

All works will be carried out in the locations identified **as per the map provided by Bishops Lydeard Parish Council.**

All works will be carried out with due regard to public safety, environmental protection, and relevant legislation.

### **3. SERVICE DELIVERY OPTIONS**

Three service options are proposed:

#### **Option 1: Physical Weed Removal (Manual/Mechanical)**

**Description:**

- Manual or mechanical removal of weeds from specified areas
- Scraping and brushing of kerb edges and paved surfaces
- Collection and removal of all arisings and waste

**Includes:**

- Full clearance of visible vegetation
- Removal of detritus and debris
- Responsible disposal of all waste in accordance with waste regulations

**Advantages:**

- Immediate visual results
- No chemical usage
- Suitable for environmentally sensitive areas

**Limitations:**

- Labour intensive
- May require more frequent visits due to regrowth

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## **Option 2: Chemical Weed Treatment (Nomix Dual Herbicide)**

### **Description:**

- Application of Nomix Dual weedkiller using a controlled droplet, low-drift system
- Targeted spraying of weeds along kerbs and paved areas

### **Includes:**

- Treatment of active weed growth with residual effect
- Application by trained and certified operatives
- Compliance with all pesticide regulations and COSHH requirements

### **Environmental Considerations:**

- Low-impact, environmentally responsible solution
- Minimises spray drift and reduces impact on non-target plants and surfaces

### **Advantages:**

- Longer-lasting weed control
- Reduced frequency of treatments
- Efficient for large surface areas

### **Limitations:**

- Results are not immediate (visible dieback occurs over time)
- Weather dependent (requires suitable conditions for application)

## **Option 3: Integrated Approach (Physical Removal + Follow-up Chemical Treatment)**

### **Description:**

- Initial physical removal of weeds and associated detritus as per Option 1
- Followed by targeted chemical treatment (Nomix Dual) of subsequent regrowth

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**Includes:**

- Full initial clearance of all visible weeds and debris
- Removal and responsible disposal of all waste
- Follow-up herbicide application to control regrowth

**Advantages:**

- Provides the most thorough and effective long-term control
- Combines immediate visual improvement with sustained suppression of regrowth
- Reduces frequency and intensity of future maintenance
- Improves overall cleanliness of kerb lines and paved areas

**Limitations:**

- Higher initial cost due to combined approach
- Requires coordination of follow-up treatment timing

#### **4. PROGRAMME & FREQUENCY**

- This proposal covers a one-off initial clearance/treatment
- Suggested ongoing maintenance (subject to agreement):
  - Physical removal: 1 or 2 visits per year
  - Chemical treatment: 2 applications per year
  - Integrated approach: Initial clearance followed by periodic spot treatments

A detailed maintenance schedule can be developed following the initial works.

#### **5. PERFORMANCE STANDARDS**

The Contractor will ensure:

- Areas are left in a clean, tidy, and safe condition

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- Weed growth is controlled to an acceptable visual standard
  - Work is completed within agreed timeframes
  - Minimal disruption to residents, pedestrians, and traffic

## **6. HEALTH, SAFETY & COMPLIANCE**

The Contractor shall:

- Comply with all relevant UK legislation, including:
  - Health and Safety at Work Act 1974
  - Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH)
  - Environmental Protection Act
- Carry appropriate:
  - Public Liability Insurance
  - Risk Assessments and Method Statements (RAMS)
- Ensure operatives are:
  - Properly trained and competent
  - Certified for herbicide application (where applicable)

## **7. ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY**

- Waste will be disposed of at licensed facilities
- Chemical use will be minimised and controlled
- Preference for low-impact solutions where appropriate
- Care taken to protect wildlife, drainage systems, and watercourses

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## 8. PRICING STRUCTURE

The quotation is provided in three parts, based on the service delivery options outlined above.

### Option 1: Physical Weed Removal (Manual/Mechanical)

#### Resource Allocation:

- 2 operatives
- Duration: 10 working days (2 weeks)

#### Cost Calculation:

- Operative rate: £240 per operative per day
- Total labour cost:
  - 2 operatives × £240 × 10 days = **£4,800**

#### Additional Costs:

- Waste disposal charges (estimated): **£100 – £200**

#### Total Estimated Cost:

- **£4,900 – £5,000 + VAT**

### Option 2: Chemical Weed Treatment (Nomix Dual Herbicide)

#### Resource Allocation:

- 1 operative
- Duration: 3–4 working days

#### Standard Cost Estimate:

- 1 operative × £240 × 3–4 days = **£720 – £960**

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### Proposed Price:

- We are prepared to **match a competing contractor's quotation of £720 + VAT** for this option.

### Notes:

- Price includes labour, equipment, and herbicide application
- Subject to suitable weather conditions for treatment

### Option 3: Integrated Approach (Physical Removal + Follow-up Treatment)

#### Cost Basis:

- Combination of Option 1 and Option 2

#### Total Estimated Cost:

- **£5,620 – £5,720 + VAT**

(Based on Option 1 total of £4,900 – £5,000 plus Option 2 at £720)

#### Notes:

- Provides best long-term value through combined clearance and regrowth control
- Final cost dependent on actual waste disposal charges

#### General Notes:

- All prices are exclusive of VAT.
- Final costs may vary slightly depending on actual waste volumes, site conditions, and access.
- Any additional works outside the agreed scope will be quoted separately.

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## 9. REPORTING & COMMUNICATION

The Contractor will provide:

- Confirmation of completed works — work recorded (including photographs) on the GroundLeader portal with customer online access
- Notification of any issues (e.g., excessive growth, access problems)
- Recommendations for future maintenance requirements

## 10. TERM & REVIEW

- This agreement applies to the initial one-off works
- Future service arrangements to be agreed following completion
- Performance and outcomes can be reviewed to inform ongoing maintenance strategy

## 11. ACCEPTANCE

This proposal becomes binding upon written acceptance by Bishops Lydeard Parish Council.

We trust that the above proposal meets your requirements and would welcome the opportunity to provide any further information or clarification if needed.



Company Director

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