

Tumble Cemetery

Area 1 Outside the Entrance gates, and inside the entrance walls.

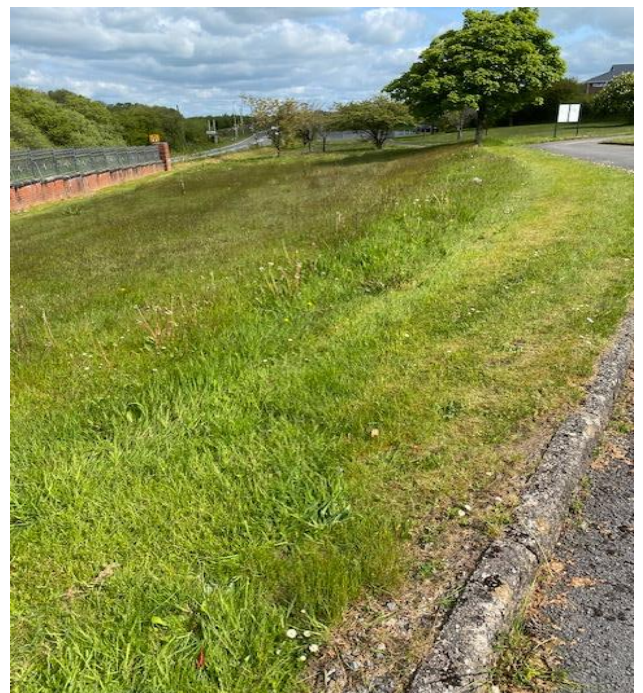


I think the grass areas both inside and outside the Cemetery walls had been recently cut and this is how they will best be kept, especially at times (early spring) when there is a flush of dandelions.

It is entirely down to the discretion of the ground staff the length of time between cuts that keep a well-kept and 'caring' appearance.

The one thing that does need to be done as soon as possible is for the dead trees and their supports to be removed. One outside the gates and 3 or 4 inside the walls. Cutting off at ground level will be enough they don't need digging up.

Most of the grass area inside the wall looks ok with longer grass however there is a section of dandelion heads next to the metre wide edge strip, it might be worth cutting a wider 2/3 metre wide strip on the edge to keep the 'weed' appearance less noticeable and further away.



Area 2 - The roundabout at the entrance.



The planning work on this will need to be started in the next few weeks so that in September /October we can plant some perennial plants / shrubs and trees in this area (lifting most of the daffodils and replanting in grassy areas).

I would like to see this as an area that would have year round interest and look attractive at the entrance.

Area 3 – Grass area from the car park towards the cemetery

The left hand side of the path has short grass with some short stemmed flowering plants showing, it looks particularly nice. Recent nectar cut?

The 'butterfly garden' can be removed as soon as there is time since it is not attractive and the plants unkempt.



The right side of the path has grass which is much lusher and obviously far more dandelion heads. It could be cut down now to get rid of the dandelion heads and then cut as and when necessary to keep it looking under control, and similar to the left hand side.

The nectar cut, so that short stemmed flowers can flower, although the time between cuts on left and right sides might need to be different as greater growth on right section.

Next year a decision needs to be made regarding dandelions, which have 'weed' reputation and an early spring flush in April although a few flower all year.

Choice of

1. Grass is cut frequently to really reduce the flush of dandelion flowering and seed heads in April. Then nectar cut 5cm at 5/6 week interval.
2. Grass is cut immediately flush of dandelion flowers is over to prevent most seed heads forming. Followed by nectar cut 5cm at 5/6 week interval.



Due to this side being more problematic with dandelions, planting of flowering bulbs will need careful consultation with ground staff.