Castle Cary Town Council and Ansford Parish Council

Fairfield, Churchfield Drive, Castle Cary, BA7 7LA

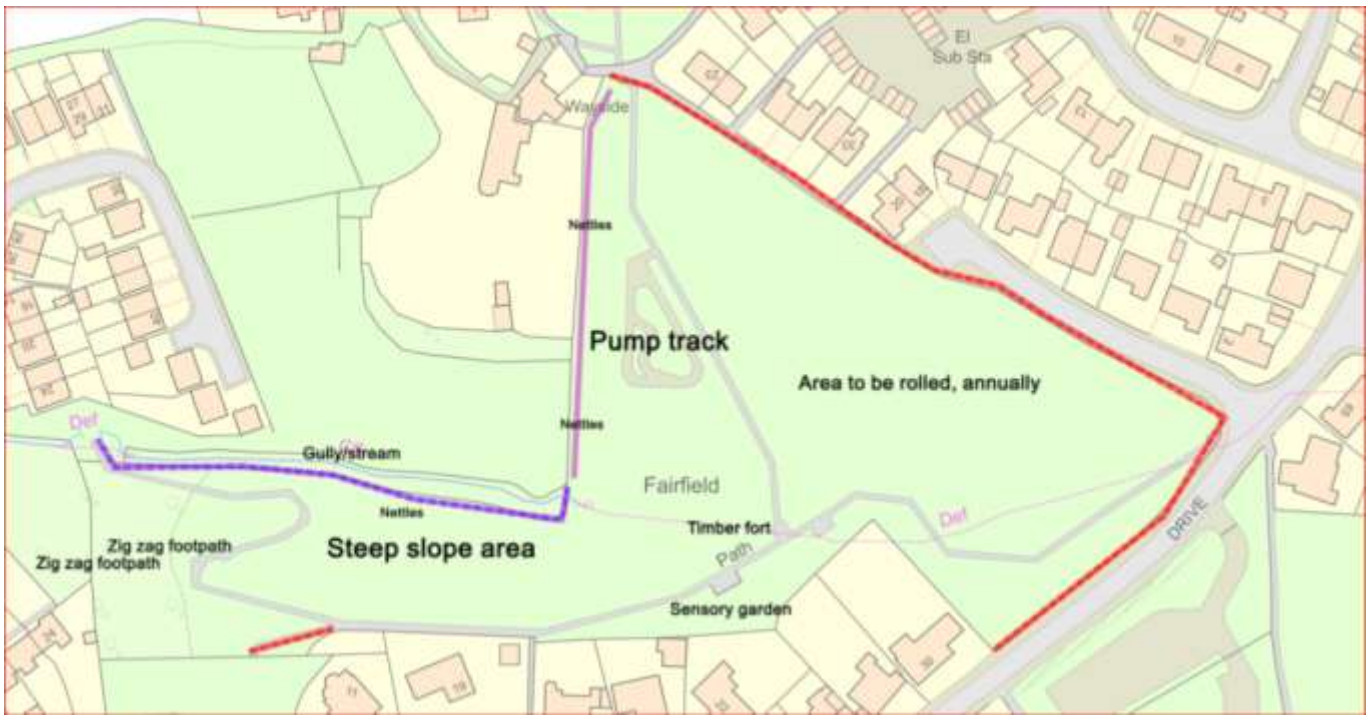
Grass Cutting and General Maintenance Specification

Revised October 2026

Castle Cary Town Council and Ansford Parish Council purchased Fairfield in 2014. The area is a community space and is used for recreation and exercising.

The area covers approximately 5 acres and needs general maintenance throughout the year. This specification outlines the work required. We require a price for this work to be done. A contract for a period of three years will be awarded to the successful bidder.





Grass Cutting

- The whole area to be cut once per month between March and October with the areas around the play equipment to be cut fortnightly. Due to health and safety issues the slopes will require a 4 wheel drive tractor to do the work. The slopes are to be cut in June, September and year end. Any additional cuts due to excessive growth to be agreed by Castle Cary Town Council and Ansford Parish Council in advance. The grass may be mulched but if excessive amounts created these must be removed from the field.

- Cut the grass twice from end of October to March or as required for example when events are taking place.

Strimming

- Boundaries along the fences on Priory View, Churchfield Drive, Clothier Meadow to be strimmed every 4- 6 weeks (as needed) between March and October. All cuttings to be removed from site.

- Edges to all hard surface paths within Fairfield and the area by the zig zag path that has young trees to be strimmed every 4 – 6 weeks (as needed) between March and October. Then twice from end of October – March.

- Areas around the pump track, meadow gym, adventure trail, climbing fort and sensory garden to be strimmed fortnightly between March and October. Then twice from end of October – March.

Hedge Cutting

- Hedges on boundaries and around the stream area to be trimmed annually between November and February. All cut hedge material to be removed from site.

Wildflower area

- To plant and maintain a wildflower area (575 square metres as shown on the map below) as appropriate and agreed by Castle Cary Town Council and Ansford Parish Council. The requirement and/or location of any wildflower area will be reviewed annually.



Rolling

- Flat grass areas to be rolled annually

Spraying

- Weeds and nettles to be sprayed annually using environmentally sound weed control systems

Area under trees to east and south of path, under fence and slope into the gully

- Leave wild to encourage biological diversity, including wildflowers. Cut in late March and September. All material to be removed from site.

Extra work

The contractor is required to submit an rate for extra grass cutting and an hourly rate for any extra work that they may be asked to do during the contract period.

Contract conditions

The contractor will be liable for any damage caused to fences, gates or structures with their equipment.
Please provide a copy of your public liability insurance with your tender and we also require a copy at the time of commencing the contract and each time the insurance is renewed.
Please supply a copy of your arboricultural insurance if held. Whether or not you have this insurance will not impact on the decision of the contract.
We require a copy of your Environmental Policy.
We require you to use peat alternatives for all bedding purposes.
We require you to look at battery operated tools as an alternative to petrol and diesel machinery.

We require you to use environmentally sound weed control systems.
We expect your staff to be fully trained in all aspects of this contract including competence for spraying using environmentally compatible products.
We require copies of risk assessments for this contract that will be renewed annually.