



Introduction

Bradford on Avon Town Council has a service delegation arrangement with Wiltshire Council, which includes undertaking a number of activities relating to Street Cleansing, delivering related obligations of Wiltshire Council in the town.

These obligations are set out under Part IV of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 (EPA 1990) and governed by the government's Code of Practice on Litter and Refuse.

Councils are required to keep relevant land under their control and public highways, as far as practicable, clear of litter and refuse. The obligation relates to litter and detritus (natural and fine particulate accumulations, including soil, mud, grit, sand, leaf mould, and rotting vegetation).

Vegetation removal is not a specific requirement under this obligation, however, it is necessary to manage vegetation, as it is likely to become detritus as it degrades. Bradford on Avon Town Council has adopted related guidance on Vegetation in Hard Landscapes, for the removal of vegetation that causes obstruction, a safety hazard, or interferes with managed drainage or causes structural damage. Other vegetation is removed on a seasonal basis.

Related matters of clearing fly-tipping and graffiti in public places, and the emptying of litter bins are also undertaken by the Town Council in the town.

Bradford on Avon Town Council does not have any enforcement powers, which remain with Wiltshire Council.

The approach

When Bradford on Avon Town Council started the service delegation from Wiltshire Council we brought many services in-house. The Town Wardens carry out these street cleansing activities. We have identified four zones for this work:

Zone 1: High Intensity, heavily used public areas in the town centre, and on the closest radial routes from the town centre. The area that Zone 1 covers is mapped.

We will also treat some areas near the town centre including Culver Close and Barton Lawn in the same manner as zone 1. This is also mapped.

Zone 2: Medium Intensity, high trafficked roads outside the town centre. These are mapped.

Zone 3: Low Intensity, the remainder of Bradford on Avon streets, paved public footpaths and pavements, public parks.



Service

Zone 1	Town Wardens carry out removal of litter and detritus on a daily basis. Litter Bins are also attended to daily (except for Christmas Day).
Zone 2	All Zone 2 routes will be covered every quarter (three months).
Zone 3	The Town will be divided into four geographical areas for this purpose. NW, NE, SW, SE. Town Wardens will visit each of the four areas for at least four person days each quarter. Once Zone 2 in these areas are addressed, time will be spent on Zone 3 within each of the four (NW, NE, SW, SE) areas.

Seasonal work

The Town Council will also carry out seasonal work to address detritus, most notably the removal of leaves from the highway.

Response to reports from members of the public

Members of the public can make reports direct to Bradford on Avon Town Council via its website, on the telephone or in person. Other reports are received via the Wilts app on the Wiltshire Council website, or via phone to Wiltshire Council. These are redirected to Bradford on Avon Town Council as appropriate.

Reports of urgent matters will be addressed, as far as is practicable, as soon as possible. Other reports will be addressed during the scheduled visits to the zones above.

The location of zones will be shown on mapping that illustrates them, and these are working documents, subject to change. The specific schedule of dates for Zone 2 and 3 visits will also be subject to change.