



# GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SERVICE STANDARDS



**We don't let the grass grow under our feet**

The tasks overleaf are to be undertaken at each scheduled visit: **as required, weather permitting, on RBH land.**

# SUMMER – MARCH TO OCTOBER

- All grass areas will be cleared of litter and debris before grass cutting commences.
- All grass areas, including edges and surrounding obstacles will have been cut in order to produce a pleasing appearance with an even finish and height, with no areas being left uncut.
- All grass clippings shall have been removed from hard surfaces or paths, by sweeping or blowing back onto the grass area.
- Horticultural features (e.g. Shrub Beds) shall present an attractive amenity, allowing development of the plants in keeping with the type, shape, size and aspect of the bed.
- Plants that abut other features (e.g. pathways, windows etc.) will have been pruned to ensure public safety and avoid obstruction.
- All soil surfaces shall be clear of litter and debris and any weed growth will have been removed or treated with chemical weed killers following each scheduled visit.
- All hard surfaces shall be free of litter and debris and any weed growth will have been removed or treated with chemical weed killers following each scheduled visit.

# WINTER – NOVEMBER TO FEBRUARY

- All soil surfaces shall be clear of litter and debris and any weed growth will have been removed or treated with chemical weed killers following each scheduled visit.
- All hard surfaces shall be free of litter and debris and any weed growth will have been removed or treated with chemical weed killers following each scheduled visit.
- All plants shall have received appropriate pruning that prevents an increase in height and encroachment, apart from allowing the development of a maturing planting scheme.
- Pruning shall be sufficient to allow growth between visits.
- All edges abutting hard surfaces shall be clean and true following the outline of the relevant hard surface.