

**Hildersham Parish Council**  
**Grass cutting/verges working party**  
**Jean Kelly, Carol Sinclair**  
**19.8.2015, 3.30 pm**

Location	Present state	Notable flora	Suggested actions	Notes
<b>1. Triangular grass area between Hildersham Hall and A1307</b>	OK	<u>Purple knapweed</u>	Strimming of margins late March/early April and late August/early September	
<b>2. Strip of verge opposite triangular grass area</b>	OK	Ragwort Buttercups Purple flowers (species unknown) <u>Dog-rose</u>	Mowing/strimming of margins late March/early April and late August/early September	
<b>3. Verge opposite (top of High Street, by South Holding), opposite Hildersham Hall</b>	OK	Spearmint <u>Toadflax</u> <u>Cranesbill</u> Bindweed <u>Lords and Ladies</u> (Wild Arum)	Strimming of margins late March/early April and late August/early September	
<b>4. Verge at lower end of High Street, opposite Hildersham Hall</b>	State of grass/flora near 30 mph sign is quite poor		Strimming late March/early April and late August/early September	
<b>5. Bank/hedgerow, bordering Hildersham Hall</b>	Mown grass has been left, hindering new growth	Burr Small wild strawberries		
<b>6. Forge Green</b>	Species damaged earlier in the year by being cut	<u>Ox-eye daisies</u>	Strimming of margins late March/early April and late August/early	

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	before end of flowering		September	
<b>7. Pump Garden</b>	Very overgrown -		Needs clearing, and white containers removing	
<b>8. Meadowlands</b>	OK		Grass cutting régime as before	
<b>9. Village Hall bank</b>	OK	<u>Meadowsweet</u>	Meadowsweet should not be cut before it has finished flowering  Strimming late March/early April and late August/early September	
<b>10. Grass verge opposite Village Hall</b>	Silver birches damaged by careless grass-cutting earlier this year		Grass cutting as before, but more carefully in order to avoid damaging silver birches and/or any other trees	
<b>11. Verge outside Fred's Cottage</b>	Needs cutting		Strimming late March/early April and late August/early September	
<b>12. Verge outside Thuya House</b>	OK	<u>Mallows</u>		
<b>13. Verge outside Church Cottages</b>	OK	<u>Red clover</u> <u>Ladies' Bedstraw</u> <u>Plantain</u>		Plantain is often considered a weed, but is a good food source for birds
<b>14. Bank outside Furze Hill House</b>	OK	<u>Mallows</u>  Spearmint  <u>White campion</u>	Strimming late March/early April and late August/early September	
<b>15. Bank outside Hildersham Rectory</b>	OK	<u>Violets</u>  <u>Sorrel</u>		

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		<u>Greater celandine</u>  <u>Lesser celandine</u>		
<b>16. Bank outside Mr. &amp; Mrs. Franklin's house</b>		Poppies		Bank is slipping down (probably following removal of former hedge)
<b>17. Verge at crossroads, around cottage (Chris's)</b>	Not bad - although verge has been damaged by careless motorists	<u>White clover</u>	Strimming of margins late March, late May and late August/early September	Road safety and visibility are priorities at this location –
<b>18. Walnut Tree Cottage Green</b>		<u>Cow Parsley</u>  Buttercups	Strimming of margins late March/early April and late August/early September	Cow Parsley is sometimes viewed <u>with concern</u>
<b>19. Blench Lane</b>	Not very good	Observed in the past:  <u>Cow Parsley</u>  Dandelions  Buttercups  <u>Spanish Bluebells</u>  Violets ( <i>Viola blanda</i> , <i>Viola reichenbachiana</i> )  Other assorted species	Strimming of margins late March/early April and late August/early September	Verge was badly damaged by an attempt to cut grass using a sit-on mower earlier in the year, resulting in bald patches and damage –  Strong weedkillers have recently been applied to the ivy possibly endangering the historic wall at the bottom of the land – and verge is due to be scraped by Highways