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We are part of Stafford Borough Council's Operations Service and are responsible for looking after Stafford Borough's public spaces.

We play a significant part in delivering one of the council's key aims; to improve the quality of life of local people by providing a safe, clean, attractive place to live and work and encouraging people to be engaged in developing strong communities that promote health and wellbeing.

Our award winning services are also available to businesses, schools and other organisations.

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Horticulture

Our fully-equipped nursery's polytunnels and greenhouses are where we cultivate over 400,000 plants to provide summer and winter flowers and plants for Stafford Borough and other local authorities. We get Stafford Borough blooming with attractive shrub beds, customised hanging baskets, cauldrons, barrier boxes and more.



Events

We provide flowers, maintenance and care for major Borough events, as well as Green Flag Award-winning areas like Victoria Park and Stafford Crematorium, and Stonefield Park in Stone.

Formal Displays

We tailor a wide range of plants and flowers for formal events, exhibitions and awards evenings. Personalised permanent displays are also created to enhance reception areas, meeting rooms and the whole workplace.



Hanging Baskets

Beautiful summer hanging baskets are prepared and grown at our nursery for Stafford and Stone town centres, businesses, schools and community groups. Our complete service includes watering, dead heading and, if required, provision and fitting of brackets.

Presentations and Talks

Our experienced and knowledgeable staff deliver presentations and talks to schools, gardening clubs and community groups. Further support is also available for schools to raise awareness about reducing waste and composting.



Arboriculture

Our fully qualified arboricultural team provides expert knowledge and a prompt, professional service for businesses, schools and other organisations. We maintain woodlands, award-winning formal parks, open spaces and conservation areas protected by Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs). In fact, we look after over 35,000 trees across Stafford Borough.

Tree Management

Trees can become damaged and unsafe over time due to disease, storm damage and age but to reduce risk to staff, visitors, occupants and the general public we can provide cost-effective preventative measures for tree management. Setting up a management plan for new and existing trees to grow and develop, allowing them to reach maturity in a controlled and prescribed manner, reduces the risk of them becoming dangerous in the future. All our arborists are qualified by the National Proficiency Test Council and City and Guilds, ensuring all works and treatments are carried out to the highest professional standard within agreed timescales.

Formative Pruning | Managing the size and shape of the tree to the landowner's exact requirements.

Crown Reduction, Thinning and Lifting | Reducing a canopy in size, thinning, or cutting it from the trunk upward using proper pruning practices.

Pollarding | A tree that has grown too big for its location can require cutting of the top and any outstretching branches to reduce size but maintain life and new foliage growth.

Dead Wooding | The dead branches of the tree are safely removed to prevent the risk of falling.

Storm Damage | Applying preventative measures or managing a tree after storm damage to make the tree safe again.

Felling and Sectional Felling | If the tree is in an open space, it will be wholly cut down. If in an enclosed or built-up area, this means safe sectional removal of all parts of the tree.

Stump Grinding and Removal | Once a tree is removed, this involves flattening the stump or removing it entirely following the correct health and safety procedures and the use of proper equipment.

Tree Preservation Order Consultation and Works

We provide advice on preservation orders and applications for work where a Tree Preservation Order is involved. We work with the local Tree Officer if work is approved throughout the process.

Health and Safety

Site-specific risk assessments are carried out for every job we do and all relevant COSHH regulations are followed at all times.

Environmentally Sound

Our service includes waste removal unless requested that it be recycled on site. All our works are guaranteed and covered by public liability insurance. Bio-degradable products are used where possible to help protect the environment, especially when working near water.





Grounds Maintenance

With our diverse fleet of mowers, tractors and machinery we can carry out all types of work tailored to any grassed area, hedgerow or sports ground.



Grass Cutting

We maintain all Stafford Borough Council land, roundabouts and verges. We also offer the maintenance of privately-owned land, parishes and schools using the latest grass-cutting machinery (including a remote-controlled Robomower for difficult verges and banks) and bespoke cutting regimes.

Fine Turf

We are fine turf specialists and use the best equipment to maintain finely turfed areas such as formal lawns, bowling greens and sports fields.

Weed Control

All our staff are PA1 and PA6 certified to apply safe and approved herbicides for weed control and prevention. An environment free of weeds not only looks pleasant and tidy, it prevents walkways from becoming uneven or dislodged and potentially unsafe.

Hedge Cutting

We provide hedge cutting services tailored to your specific needs. Our experienced and knowledgeable staff take nesting seasons into account and always take the greatest care with birds and wildlife habitats when carrying out hedge work. When hedges cannot be cut we offer site visits and consultations.

Soft Landscaping

We specialise in the design and planting of unique carpet beds. The planning, marking and laying of shrub beds for grassed areas is another speciality. Bespoke designs and the supply of flowers and plants from our nursery can be requested and agreed beforehand.

Sports Field Maintenance

We can meet all your needs for sports field maintenance including mowing, line marking, turf laying and aeration, weed control and drag brushing for bowling greens.

3G Pitches

The good condition of an artificial pitch can only be sustained with regular care and attention throughout its life. Streetscene provides maintenance services for 3G pitches including monitoring infill levels, drag brushing, sweeping and herbicides.

Playground Equipment

The British and European safety standard BSEN1176 and the HSE recommend that all play areas have at least one inspection every year from an independent, suitably qualified organisation. Our staff are RoSPA qualified and can ensure that play equipment is safe and secure. We are also certified to carry out repairs as well as monitoring the condition of play areas.



Cleansing

We work hard to keep Stafford Borough's streets clean. Each year we collect over 2,000 tons of litter and our roadsweepers clean over 8,000km of roads. We also sweep fallen leaves and clean unsightly graffiti when it appears in our streets. We passionately believe that living in a litter-free, tidy environment improves public well-being and happiness in the workplace.



Sweeping

Our adaptable range of vehicles is used to sweep car parks, footpaths and private driveways.

All have individual jet wash equipment on board for hard-to-remove substances, delivering a clean and thorough finish.

Other Services

The importance of providing a clean, safe environment for students, employees and members of the public is paramount to all organisations.

Our operatives are certified to handle and remove any sharp items such as needles and glass from your site. We can also remove dog fouling from grassed areas, sports grounds and public and private footpaths.

In addition our staff are fully trained in efficient graffiti removal and the correct application of graffiti removing chemicals.



Litter-picking

We pride ourselves on supporting efforts to keep communities clean and tidy.

We provide litter-picking equipment and bin bags to local schools for their community litter picks.

Once the community event is over we collect all equipment and remove filled bin bags if required.

Winter Maintenance

Businesses, schools and organisations often require preventative measures against snow and ice.

We provide round-the-clock seasonal gritting and salt spreading for pathways, roads, car parks, playgrounds and more. We base our schedules on daily weather reports from the Met Office.



Our pest control officer caring for one of our rescued honey bee swarms.

Pest Control

Stafford Borough Council provides a high quality, prompt and professional service. Experienced pest control officers work across our area. Our customers include restaurants, schools, shops, listed buildings, leisure and sports centres, warehouses and local authority sites.

One-off Pest Treatments

A cost effective way to deal with individual treatment problems, this option is ideal where pest control is important to protect staff, visitors, pupils, customers or occupants' health and safety.

- › We will arrange to visit at a suitable time (during our standard working hours)
- › We will provide advice on the treatment options available
- › We will agree how long the work will take (subject to identifiable evidence)
- › We will carry out the work, and follow up to make sure the problem is resolved
- › We will give advice on preventing a recurrence of the problem

Annual Pest Control Contract

A single no-nonsense protection plan tailored to your specific needs and offering a low cost, high value method of keeping you pest-free for 12 months.

After a survey of the interior and exterior of your premises our officers will identify any active pest infestations and will advise on the cost of the contract, give advice on control strategies, decide on treatments and the amount of visits needed.

A pest control log book keeps a schedule of regular visits and a record of any treatments for the year.

The cost covers treatment for rats and mice. On-off jobs such as dealing with fleas, ants or wasps may also be included.

Bee Conservation

Bees are vital to a healthy environment. Honey bees are probably Britain's most important crop pollinators but they are under significant environmental pressure. More than ever before, we need to recognise the importance of bees to nature and to our lives.

Our Pest Control Service has always done all it can to protect and preserve all bee colonies that are having an impact in homes and vulnerable establishments such as schools.

Handling bee swarms is a skilful operation, and is one that requires considerable nerve and resource.

Furthermore once the bees have been hived they are put to work. Proceeds from the honey is donated to charity.





Home & Garden Clearance

As featured on the BBC TV's Housing Enforcers

If you need to clear a house or garden so that you can get it back on the market quickly, Stafford Borough Council's Streetscene can help. We offer a basic clearing and cleaning service* and would be happy to provide quotes for any work that you need to organise. We can also provide a full pest control service including fumigation so please contact us for a quote.



House Clearance

A member of our team will meet you to assess the size of the job and provide you with a free quote and estimate the time required to complete the work.

We are experienced in handling sharps such as needles.

** This is a basic service and does not include deep cleaning. We provide a clearance service only. If you have items that you wish to sell, we advise that you pre-arrange this before we begin the work.*



Garden Clearance

Our clearance experts make light work of an untidy garden. We are able to safely remove all types of garden waste including the clearing of overgrown areas, removing garden sheds, slabs, decking, fencing, unwanted garden furniture, recycling hedge cuttings, tree cuttings and all types of rubbish.

We also carry out commercial garden waste removals for clients such as estate agents, letting agents and landlords.

A team member will visit your property and provide a free garden clearance quote.



Our Awards



ISO 9001 Quality Management

The excellent quality of service provided by Streetscene has been confirmed by securing ISO 9001 status, an industry-recognised badge of quality.

ISO 9001 is a certified quality management system (QMS) for organisations who want to prove their ability to consistently provide services that meet the needs of their customers - and who have plans in place to deliver continual improvement.

Green Flag Awards

Our maintenance and care for Tixall Road Crematorium, Eccleshall Road Cemetery, Stone Cemetery and Victoria Park in Stafford and Stonefield Park in Stone has secured prestigious Green Flag Awards for all - the national quality mark for outstanding green spaces.

Also, by supplying plants from our nursery we work closely with neighbouring councils to support their Green Flag Awards.



Chas

We have been CHAS approved since 2018. The Contractors Health and Safety Assessment Scheme was introduced in 1997 to improve health and safety standards in the UK.

Our customers can be confident in the work we undertake, knowing that we have been approved by CHAS and are one of the 900 organisations registered with them.

To obtain CHAS accreditation our working methods and risk assessments were assessed to ensure that we are committed to the safety of our customers and our workforce.





Community Awards



Do you know a project, individual, team, group or business who should be celebrated for the difference they make to their community?

Stafford Borough Council Community Awards are open to any public, private and voluntary sector organisations and individuals who work hard to contribute to the wellbeing of their community.

Do you know someone who gives up their own time to help others and keep them company or who has set up a local lunch club or foodbank?

Are you involved with projects that promote a healthier lifestyle, like setting up a running or walking club or cook and learn project? Is there a business or group which contributes to a healthier environment through litter picking, recycling projects, keeping your community clean and tidy or has taken action to conserve wildlife and support biodiversity?

Or why not show your community spirit by becoming one of our valued sponsors?



For news, information on categories, application forms and details of previous winners visit www.staffordbc.gov.uk/communityawards



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