

## 54960 Dalry Community Park in Gorgie-Dalry

Following the opening of Dalry Community Park in Gorgie-Dalry in December 2024:

Which organisation is responsible for the maintenance of the park January - December 2025, including in particular watering and maintaining newly planted hedgerows, shrubs and trees?

The Council's main contractor for the construction of the Roseburn to Union Canal route (Balfour Beatty) are contractually responsible for the maintenance of all areas of soft landscaping, trees and vegetation for a period of five years post-completion, i.e. until 9 December 2029. This includes the watering of all newly planted vegetation and trees. Balfour Beatty have sub-contracted specialist landscaping contractor Ashlea Landscaping to undertake this work on their behalf. The maintenance work will be monitored closely by the Council and we have engaged landscape architecture consultants, Harrison Stevens to assist with this. On completion of the 5-year contractual maintenance period, responsibility for the on-going maintenance of soft landscaping, trees and vegetation will pass to the Council's Parks and Greenspaces service.

Within the 12 months, contractual defects period (until 9 December 2025), Balfour Beatty are also responsible for the resolution of any construction snagging issues or defects and for graffiti removal.

The Council undertakes various maintenance operations for the park, including litter bin emptying, litter removal, limited graffiti removal (to compliment that being undertaken by Balfour Beatty), play equipment maintenance and hard surface gritting in winter.

- a. If the maintenance varies by month, please specify.

The scheduling of soft landscaping maintenance tasks is as follows;

- Grass mowing – every two weeks from April to October, once in the month of November and not at all in December to March.
- Check stability of trees and carry out base firming where necessary – once monthly from April to November
- Weed bases of trees - once monthly from April to November
- Fertiliser application – once in April
- Herbicide application for hedges – once in May, July and August
- Firming of soil around hedge bases - once monthly from April to November
- Pruning of hedges – once in August
- Ring spray application to woodland shrubs - once in May, July and August
- Mulch top-up – once in April
- Watering of all trees and vegetation – as and when required at all times of the year

- b. If maintenance varies by park area, please break this down.

The maintenance regime is the same across the project area and does not vary by area.

What is the frequency of maintenance visits by the relevant organisation, whether the original contractor, Council or other?

Balfour Beatty/Ashlea Landscaping for soft landscaping maintenance activities – as outlined above.

Balfour Beatty/Ashlea Landscaping/Harrison Stevens for general monitoring – once monthly.

City of Edinburgh Council – various regular maintenance visits - these will either be the same frequency throughout the year (i.e. bin emptying) or as required (e.g. repairs to play equipment and winter hard surface gritting).

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