

Hedge Maintenance

Private overgrown hedges can be a great nuisance to pedestrians and vulnerable road users alike. Often there is a misconception that the Council cuts back all hedges, but this is not true and it is the owner of the hedge or other vegetation responsibility to cut back any growth that extends into the Highway. Authorities such as Devon County Council in cases of severe overgrowth or where there is a safety issue will issue hedge notices to those property owners instructing them to cut back their overgrowth. Those who ignore such requests may face costs resulting from DCC carrying out those works and recharging the land owner. It is always hoped to avoid such action and many people co-operate fully when the issue of overgrowth is raised.

Now is the time of year, that bird nesting is coming to an end and overgrowth is starting to become a problem in some places, so this request goes out for any residents with hedges or vegetation against the Highway to organise it's cutting back and help to make more sociable neighbourhoods while allowing pedestrians to be able to walk without obstruction, risk or inconvenience.

Regards

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