



KEWSTOKE PARISH COUNCIL

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Sea Bank Footpath Maintenance Policy

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The Parish Council has historically taken on responsibility for assisting, with its partners, the maintenance of the pathway on the Sand Bay sea bank by undertaking a twice yearly grass cut alongside the footpath. .

The responsibility is as laid out in a Sand Bay Management Plan to which consent to cut the grass bank alongside the footpath, has been granted by Natural England. To this end the Parish Council employs contractors to blanket cut the grass on the sea bank alongside the footpath twice a year once at the beginning of the growing season, and once at the onset of autumn, with an option for a further cut if deemed required.

This Grass cutting Policy is in place to sympathetically promote and encourage the true wild flowers and wildlife of the dunes as well as maintaining its appearance and pathways to an acceptable standard, under the guidance of Natural England.

Ideally the grass cuttings would be removed following a cut but this is not practical to undertake by machinery and not cost effective to remove manually.

The Parish Council is currently in the process of discussions with Natural England to ensure that consent for this approach continues.

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