



# NORTH TAWTON TOWN COUNCIL

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## **North Tawton self-employed Lengthsman and Footpath inspector 2026-2029 (3-years) Specification**

The role played by North Tawton Town council in relation to maintaining the public realm (highways and open spaces) and Public Rights of Way (PROW) network is valuable and we are committed to continuing to support this public service to improve local responsiveness, provide added value to the core services and improve the environment within the local community. The condition of local roads, footpaths and open spaces affects the whole community and contributes to the quality of the local environment.

**North Tawton Lengthsman scheme allows delegation for minor works on local roads and public footpaths. The Council is able to use our precept to employ a local contractor familiar with the area.**

**Lengthsman Scope of Works with reference to the schedule at Appendix A**

### **Drainage**

- Clear leaves and other debris from gully grid tops and drainage grips
- Cleaning channels and vegetation from the entrances and exits of highway culverts
- Rodding of pipes (off highway)
- Localised ditching works
- Assisting in land drainage affecting the highway (working with landowner (NB - emergency situations only)

### **Signs (unlit)**

- Ensure legibility and visibility of traffic Signs, cleaning and removing vegetation; report defects to Town Clerk/Deputy Clerk to report to DCC Highways if necessary.

### **Highway minor works**

- Removal of soils and detritus build-up
- Clear minor storm debris discharged onto the highway as is reasonable and practicable.
- Cutting back vegetation overhanging the road or footway, siding out footways – emergency situations only.

- Verge cutting and strimming of visibility splays

### **Environmental**

- Sweeping footways and public realm spaces, litter clearance/picking
- Removal of fly posting, graffiti, and unauthorised signs – liaise with Town Clerk/Deputy Clerk

### **Community**

- Assist in emergency response, e.g. flooding, gritting, snow clearance – liaise with Council
- Snow Warden for North Tawton
- Eyes and ears for the community, reporting any issues to the Clerks

### **Footpaths and bridleways**

- Once per year before the end of February, walk all public footpaths and bridleways in the Parish of North Tawton and carry out the required assessment, reporting any damage or defects in accordance with the assessment criteria provided, to the Clerks

The following link provides an interactive map of the footpaths and bridleways. A full-size map will be provided to the contractor. An overview of the maps is provided at appendix B

<https://maptest.devon.gov.uk/portaldvl/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=82d17ce243be4ab28091ae1f15970924>

### **Reporting to the Council**

- A brief monthly report as to works undertaken at each visit must accompany every monthly invoice.

## **CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRACT**

- The Contractor will have a Public Liability Insurance Cover of five million pounds, and a copy will be produced to the Clerks upon acceptance of the contract
- The Contractor and their staff must comply with all relevant Health and Safety requirements for themselves and members of the public
- The Contractor and their staff must comply with Equality and Diversity policy of the council
- The Contractor will provide all necessary equipment required to work on the Highway
- The Contractor will provide all necessary tools and equipment and additional labour if required
- The contractor will dispose of all the waste in an appropriate and legal manner
- The Contractor will be trained to DCC Chapter 8 Standard and provide evidence of training
- The Contractor will be required to make good any damage caused at their own expense

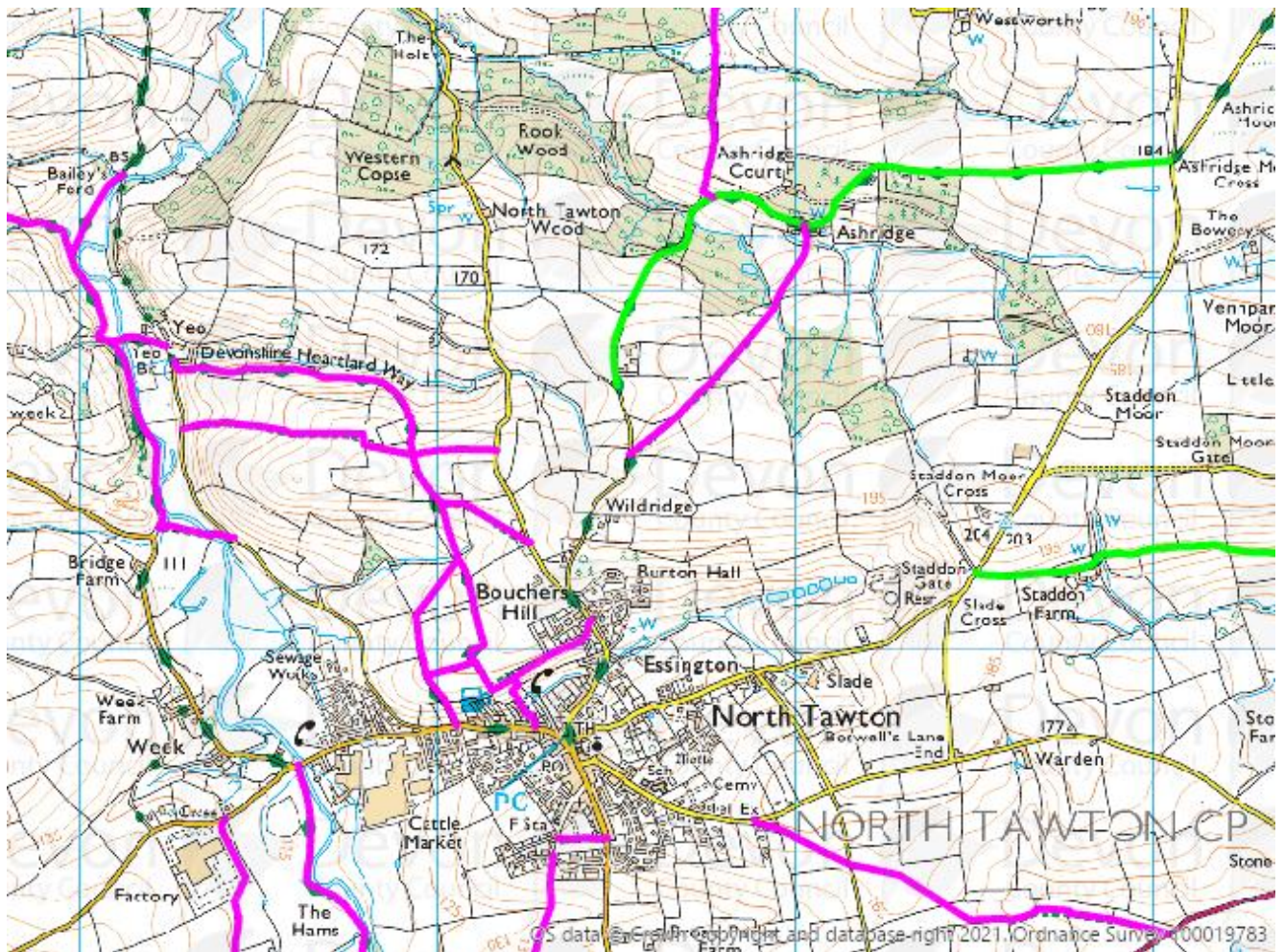
# APPENDIX A

<b>North Tawton Street Sweeping Schedule</b>			
<b>Frequency of work and date actually carried out</b>	<b>Work to be carried out, and in which areas</b>	<b>Signature work carried out</b>	<b>NTTC USE ONLY WORK CHECKED BY</b>
<b>MONTHLY</b>	<p>Sweep The Square from the top of Fore Street across to Market Street, Clock Tower, up to the junction with Barton Street.</p> <p><b>Sweep pavements and area around Clock Tower, pick up litter and sweep the road gutters.</b></p>		
<b>ON 3 MONTH ROLLING SCHEDULE</b>	<p>Fore Street, from the top of Fore Street down to Taw Bridge</p> <p><b>Sweep pavements, pick up litter and sweep the road gutters.</b></p>		
<b>ON 3 MONTH ROLLING SCHEDULE</b>	<p>Exeter Street, from the junction with High Street up to Webbs Orchard, paying particular attention to the area from 22 Exeter Street up to Webbs Orchard, where the cars park, as this area is prone to mud and debris which blocks the drain outside 22 Exeter Street.</p> <p><b>Sweep pavements, pick up litter and sweep the road gutters. Remove debris accumulation outside 22 Exeter Street</b></p>		

<b>North Tawton Street Sweeping Schedule</b>			
<b>ON 3 MONTH ROLLING SCHEDULE</b>	Market Street and Essington up to Arundell Road  <b>Sweep pavements, pick up litter and sweep the road gutters.</b>		
<b>ON 3 MONTH ROLLING SCHEDULE</b>	Barton Street, Barton Hill, Moor View and High Street.  <b>Sweep pavements, pick up litter and sweep the road gutters.</b>		
<b>ON 3 MONTH ROLLING SCHEDULE</b>	Butts Way, Gostwyck Close, Greenacre and Barkers Way, including Fernleigh Court  <b>Sweep pavements, pick up litter and sweep the road gutters.</b>		
<b>ON 3 MONTH ROLLING SCHEDULE</b>	Taw Vale Avenue and Taw Vale Close  <b>Sweep pavements, pick up litter and sweep the road gutters.</b>		
<b>ON 3 MONTH ROLLING SCHEDULE</b>	Strawberry Fields (including the pathway going down to Exeter Street)  <b>Sweep pavements, pick up litter and sweep the road gutters.</b>		
<b>ON 3 MONTH ROLLING SCHEDULE</b>	North Street, Bouchiers Close, Devonshire Gardens, Bouchers Hill up to the junction (to		

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	include removal of leaves) <b>Sweep pavements, pick up litter and sweep the road gutters.</b> <b>Removal of leaves on Bouchers Hill</b>		

## APPENDIX B – FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS NORTH TAWTON



1	2	3	5
Parish	Status	Number	Length (m)
North Tawton	Footpath	1	1080
North Tawton	Footpath	2	1120
North Tawton	Footpath	3	690

North Tawton	Footpath	4	470
North Tawton	Footpath	5	450
North Tawton	Footpath	6	180
North Tawton	Footpath	7	1350
North Tawton	Footpath	8	1130
North Tawton	Footpath	9	1450
North Tawton	Footpath	10	980
North Tawton	Footpath	13	1240
North Tawton	Bridleway	14	1630
North Tawton	Bridleway	15	230
North Tawton	Bridleway	18	2020
North Tawton	Footpath	19	840
North Tawton	Footpath	21	260
North Tawton	Footpath	23	390
North Tawton	Footpath	24	490
North Tawton	Footpath	26	140
North Tawton	Footpath	28	160