

2027 - Annuity - Softscape maintenance schedule													
Brunel Terrace													
Name of Species	Timing of pruning												Notes
	Establishment Period												
	Year One-Five												
	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	
Sensory Garden													
YHN Planting Selection													
Lavandula angustifolia 'Hidcote'													Remove shoots that have flowered to within 1.5-2.5cm of the previous year's growth.
COLOUR Planting Selection													
Allium karataviense 'Ivory Queen'													No pruning required.
Allium 'Ambassador'													No pruning required.
Artemisia ludoviciana 'Silver Queen'													Cut back to base .
Buddleja davidii 'Buzz Sky Blue'													Prune back to a low framework.
Deschampsia flexuosa 'Tatra Gold'													Cut back old stems to the ground.
Echinacea purpurea													Cut back stems as the blooms fade to encourage further flower production.
Hydrangea paniculata 'Grandiflora'													No routine pruning necessary. Remove diseased, damaged, congested or crossing shoots. Shoots that are growing in unwanted directions can also be pruned out.
Mahonia aquifolium 'Apollo'													Do this by lightly cutting back shoots after flowering. Deadheading and removal of dead, damaged and diseased growth can be done at the same time.
Mentha spicata													Cut back after flowering.
Miscanthus sinensis 'Gracillimus'													Remove dead foliage and old flowered stems.
Pennisetum alopecuroides													Remove dead foliage and old flowered stems.
Philadelphus 'Belle Etoile'													Prune immediately after flowering. Cut back flowered growth to strong young shoots lower down. Each year cut out up to 20 percent of ageing stems to near the base.
Pelargonium crispum 'Variegatum'													Remove spent flowers and trim as required.
Rosmarinus officinalis													Prune lightly removing unsightly shoots as required. Those shrubs recommended for hedges, topiary or foliage often require regular trimming and tolerate heavier pruning.
Rubus tricolor													In the second or third spring, cut back to 60-90cm from the ground for pollards or 5-7.5cm for coppiced specimens. Apply a balanced general-purpose fertiliser at 70g per square metre each spring to support stem and flower growth.
Rudbeckia fulgida 'Goldsturm'													Deadhead faded flowers.
Sarcococca humilis													Prune out any diseased, damaged or dead shoots using long-handled loppers or a saw if necessary. And finally, thin out crowded shoots and any badly positioned ones that spoil the shrub's appearance. After pruning, plants benefit from mulching and feeding. Use either a general-purpose fertiliser or specialist rose or other high-potassium fertiliser.
Stachys byzantina 'Silver Carpet'													No pruning required.
Stipa tenuissima 'Pony Tails'													Leaves can be cut back when they die off.

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Communal Garden														
YHN Planting Selection														
Acer pseudoplatanus														No routine pruning necessary. Remove diseased, damaged, congested or crossing shoots. Shoots that are growing in unwanted directions can also be pruned out.
Carpinus betulus 'Fastigiata'														No routine pruning necessary. Remove diseased, damaged, congested or crossing shoots. Shoots that are growing in unwanted directions can also be pruned out.
Hebe albicans														Prune lightly removing unsightly shoots as required.
Hebe rakaiensis														Prune lightly removing unsightly shoots as required.
Hebe 'Midnight Sky'														Prune lightly removing unsightly shoots as required.
Hebe 'Red Edge'														Prune lightly removing unsightly shoots as required.
Spiraea japonica 'Firelight'														Cut back the previous year's flowering stems to within one or two buds of the older woody framework. Also remove any thin, weak or dead growth.
Choisya ternata														Lightly cutting back shoots after flowering. Deadheading and removal of dead, damaged and diseased growth can be done at the same time.
Crocus tommasinianus 'Whitewell Purple'														No pruning required.
Narcissus jetfire														Deadhead as flowers fade and allow the leaves to die down naturally.
Pinus mugo														No pruning required.
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Acer palmatum 'Garnet'														No routine pruning necessary. Remove diseased, damaged, congested or crossing shoots. Shoots that are growing in unwanted directions can also be pruned out.
Brunnera macrophylla														No pruning required.
Fatsia japonica														Prune lightly removing unsightly shoots as required.
Festuca glauca 'Elijah Blue'														Comb out dead foliage.
Hosta 'Abiqua Drinking Gourd'														No pruning required.
Hosta 'Alligator Alley'														No pruning required.
Hosta 'Frances Williams'														No pruning required.
Hosta 'Halcyon'														No pruning required.
Mahonia japonica														Lightly cutting back shoots after flowering. Deadheading and removal of dead, damaged and diseased growth can be done at the same time.
Miscanthus sinensis 'Gracillimus'														Remove dead foliage and old flowered stems.
Pennisetum alopecuroides														Remove dead foliage and old flowered stems.
Pachysandra terminalis														No pruning required.
Prunus serrulata 'Kanzan'														No routine pruning necessary. Remove diseased, damaged, congested or crossing shoots. Shoots that are growing in unwanted directions can also be pruned out.
Pyrus calleryana 'Chanticleer'														No routine pruning necessary. Remove diseased, damaged, congested or crossing shoots. Shoots that are growing in unwanted directions can also be pruned out.
Skimmia confusa 'Kew Green'														Prune lightly removing unsightly shoots as required.
Viburnum opulus 'Roseum'														Prune back to a low framework up to one third of the size.

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Vinca minor f. alba 'Gertrude Jekyll'													Cut back the previous year's flowering stems to within one or two buds of the older woody framework. Also remove any thin, weak or dead growth.
Boundary Hedge													
COLOUR Planting Selection													
Fagus sylvatica													No routine pruning necessary for the first 2 years, but to help thickening the hedge, the leading shoot and longer shoots can be shortened by one third during winter months or straight after planting. Repeat in the second year if the plants still look leggy. From the third year onwards, trim the sides of the hedge in August. The top can be pruned when the hedge reaches the desired height.
Arrival													
YHN Planting Selection													
Carpinus betulus 'Fastigiata'													No routine pruning necessary. Remove diseased, damaged, congested or crossing shoots. Shoots that are growing in unwanted directions can also be pruned out.
Crocus tommasinianus 'Whitewell Purple'													No pruning required.
Geranium × johnsonii 'Johnson's Blue'													Remove flowered stems and old leaves to encourage the production of fresh leaves and flowers.
Hebe 'Midnight Sky'													Prune lightly removing unsightly shoots as required.
Hebe 'Red Edge'													Prune lightly removing unsightly shoots as required.
Hebe rakaiensis													Prune lightly removing unsightly shoots as required.
Narcissus jetfire													Deadhead as flowers fade and allow the leaves to die down naturally.
Rosa 'Gwent'													Year 1 : Step 1 – cut back the flowering shoots by 3-5 inches and any very strong shoots that are disproportionate to the rest of the plant. Step 2 – the 'four D's' – remove any dead, dying, damaged and diseased stems. Step 3 – remove any foliage that remains. This is where disease spores can lay dormant ready to challenge your plant next year. Year 2: Step 1 – cut back all stems by one third. Cut back any particularly long stems to the same length as the rest of your shrub. Step 2 – the 'four D's' – remove any dead, dying, damaged and diseased stems. Step 3 – remove any foliage that remains. Year 3: Step 1 For a taller shrub – cut back by less than one third. Step 2 To maintain its current size – cut your rose back by one third. Step 3 To reduce its size – cut back by a half or even more. This will reduce the size of the shrub without impacting the amount of flowering.

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Hypericum x moserianum														Do this by lightly cutting back shoots after flowering. Deadheading and removal of dead, damaged and diseased growth can be done at the same time.
Sorbus intermedia														No routine pruning necessary. Remove diseased, damaged, congested or crossing shoots. Shoots that are growing in unwanted directions can also be pruned out.
Perovskia 'Little Spire'														Cut back the previous year's flowering stems to within one or two buds of the older woody framework. Also remove any thin, weak or dead growth.
Potentilla fruticosa 'Abbotswood'														Remove shoots that have flowered to within 1.5-2.5cm of the previous year's growth.
Frontage														
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Geranium x johnsonii 'Johnson's Blue'														Remove flowered stems and old leaves to encourage the production of fresh leaves and flowers.
Hebe 'Midnight Sky'														Prune lightly removing unsightly shoots as required.
Hebe 'Red Edge'														Prune lightly removing unsightly shoots as required.
Hebe rakaiensis														Prune lightly removing unsightly shoots as required.
Hemerocallis lilioasphodelus														Cut back flower stems after flowering has finished. Remove dead foliage as required.
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Aster x frikartii 'Mönch'														Cut back.
Gaura lindheimeri 'Whirling Butterflies'														Can produce autumn tints in cold weather so delay cutting back until spring.
Liriope muscari 'Monroe White'														Cut old leaves down to the ground.
Pachysandra terminalis														No pruning required.
Rudbeckia fulgida 'Goldsturm'														Deadhead faded flowers.
Salvia nemorosa 'Caradonna'														Deadhead flower spikes as they fade to prolong flowering.