

## **RURAL VERGE CUTTING IN THE PARISH**

Braintree District Council and Essex County Council have agreed to maintain a single full width cut (in the autumn) of the rural verges across the Braintree District for the next 3 years, recognising there is balance to be obtained in promoting biodiversity, habitat creation and protecting wildlife, whilst ensuring the overall safety of all road users.

They will undertake ad-hoc safety cuts of the verges around junctions on request where visibility compromises road safety. This will not generally apply to linear lengths of the verges where the grass does not present a genuine safety issue to road users.

### **Process for Requesting Safety Cuts**

Safety cuts can be requested either on-line at [www.braintree.gov.uk/contact](http://www.braintree.gov.uk/contact) or by contacting our Customer Services Team on 01376 552525.

Following receipt of a request, a site inspection will be made to verify the need for a cut and this will be added to our works programme as required and the person reporting it notified of our decision. (There is no need to contact Essex County Council, as we maintain the rural verges on their behalf.)

Please note that other highways issues such as overhanging trees or highway signage that is obscured or requires cleaning/maintenance should be reported direct to Essex Highways at [www.essexhighways.org/tell-us](http://www.essexhighways.org/tell-us).