

Hedgerows

With the recent sunny weather followed by the rain, there has been a spurt in the growth of the hedgerows. Many of us have noticed that our vision is restricted as we drive, cycle or walk in the village lanes. It is a little known fact that Section 154 of the Highways Act places a statutory obligation on adjacent landowners and occupiers to ensure that their hedge, tree or shrub does not endanger or obstruct highway nor obscures visibility including illumination from streetlights. Section 148 also requires the proper removal of trimmings. The council only has responsibility for A and B roads. So, please take a look at your boundary and ensure that you are not causing problems for road users, including cyclists and pedestrians. Action now could help to prevent accidents.

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