



Botus Fleming Parish Council  
Mr John Hesketh  
Lambest Cottage  
Liskeard

PL14 3RE

**Your ref:**  
**My ref:** LMP 2018  
**Date:** 27/02/2018

Dear Mr John Hesketh,

### **Maintenance Partnership Invitation 2018**

The Local Maintenance Partnership is a unique arrangement between Cornwall Council and Town and Parish Councils across the County. Over 150 Councils are currently involved, with grants paid by Cornwall Council for trimming and minor works over the agreed sections of the Public Rights Of Way (PROW) path network, thereby enabling delivery at a more local level.

These existing partnerships are highly valued and we are now looking to build on their success. We are therefore inviting all the remaining Town and Parish Councils to work with us to deliver an efficient and effective service which benefits all parties involved.

Details of the agreement have been included within the application package, however the key responsibilities can be summarised as follows;

#### **Cornwall Council agrees to:**

- Provide reimbursement for the work with grant funding calculated in relation to the classification "Gold, Silver, Bronze" of the PROW network.
- Provide technical advice and support to the local council;

#### **The local Council agrees to:**

- Appoint a co-ordinator to liaise with the Operational Delivery Area Rangers. This can be the Clerk, a Councillor or any member of the local community;
- Submit claims for the grant with supporting invoices;
- Check and hold copies of contractors' public liability insurance and training certificates.

This funding is specifically for the cutting of vegetation that grows along the surface of Public Rights of Way and is calculated at £121.00 per km, per cut for specific Gold paths, £6.05 per cut for specific isolated gates or stiles and a flat rate of £48.40 per km is offered for the overall length of Silver paths in the parish. Currently there is no specific grant for Bronze paths. A Frequently Asked Questions summary has been included in this offer pack.



The above figures include the 10 per cent increase made to the original LMP base rate and I am pleased to inform you that a further 10 per cent has also been included for 2018-19. In total this represents a 20 per cent rate increase from 2015. The uplift has come as a direct result of last year's review of the LMP undertaken by the Cornwall Association of Local Councils working in partnership with Cornwall Council.

I am therefore pleased to offer you £95.69 for the cutting of Public Rights of Way in your parish.

Please find enclosed:

- **Parish Schedule** – schedule of cutting lengths and eligible costs.
- **Contractor summary of cutting** – this details cutting lengths only; please copy as necessary and pass to your contractor asking them to note the dates that they undertake each cut and return it to you with their invoice.
- **Digitised Public Rights of Way Maps** - illustrating the Gold, Silver and Bronze path cutting regimes for the Parish. Please make these available to your contractor to use with their schedule so that they can locate areas that require cutting.
- **Information Sheets** - LMP Frequently Asked Questions, Risk Management Note for the Local Maintenance Partnership and Small Works Contract.
- **Invoice Template** – Please use this template when you are ready to submit your invoice.
- **Acceptance of offer form** – To be signed and returned confirming your acceptance.

### **What to do next**

If you would like to accept this offer, please sign your acceptance form and return it to me within one month of the date of this letter. If we do not receive your confirmation we will arrange for CORMAC to undertake the paths clearance directly.

Please scan and email your acceptance to: [businessandincident@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:businessandincident@cornwall.gov.uk)

or

post to:



Business and Incident Team  
Environment Service  
Neighbourhoods Directorate,  
Cornwall Council, Level 4A,  
Pydar House,  
Pydar Street,  
Truro,  
TR1 1XU

On receipt of your acceptance we will send you a Purchase Order.

You will need to invoice us for the funds and you can submit your invoice after each full cut of the respective paths in your parish or submit one after the final cutting is complete. Your invoice must be supported by copies of your contractor invoices and their completed cutting schedule.

We hope that you will consider our proposal and look forward to working in partnership with you. The Chair and Vice-Chair of Cornwall Countryside Access Forum, Kay Driver and Robert Fraser, are pleased to support the invitation to join the scheme. The Forum is an organisation which is independent of Cornwall Council and advises the Council on improving access to the countryside. Further information about the Forum is available on the Council's website.

<http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/countryside/cornwall-countryside-access-forum/>

If you have any questions about the scheme in general please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

**Donald Martin**  
**Countryside Team Leader**  
**Natural Environment Service**  
**Cornwall Council**