

Fenstanton depot trial M1 grass cutting in a full road closure over 4 shifts

On the M1, our client Ringway requested that we trial a new approach for grass cutting using a full road closure provided by our sister company Chevron Traffic Management.

The Challenge

The M1 is traditionally very difficult to get road space for. In previous years, this work would have been undertaken by one team, over 19 shifts with corresponding traffic management requirements for every shift.

The trial happened during our busy grass cutting season, but luckily our clients across Ringway were happy to accommodate the changes in order to make the most of the trial.

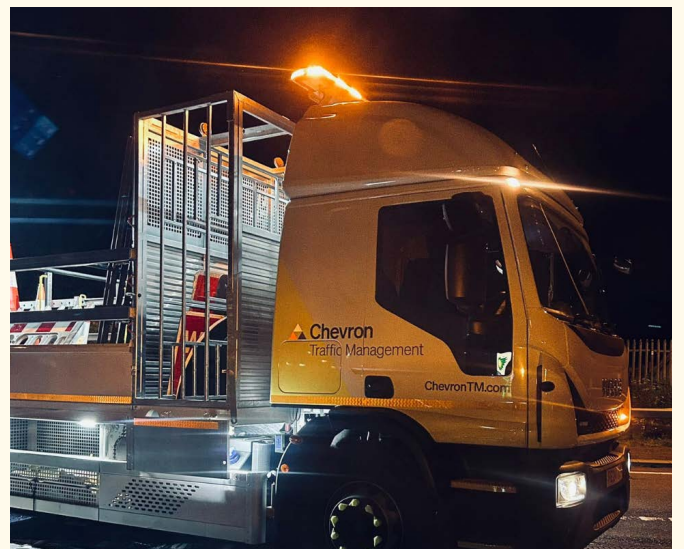
The Solution

We put together a project team which could facilitate the trial during the full road closure. Over the course of 4 shifts, we had six teams out at once, making the most of a full road closure.

Each team had 3 x vegetation management operatives, with tractor and flail or ride on flail mower and a trimmer support team to get to the intricate areas the tractors couldn't reach

Along with three teams from our Fenstanton depot, we were also supported by teams from our trusted supply chain partners, Bear Valley Timber and JRH Contracting.

Our Fenstanton Contract Supervisor directed operations on the ground, providing supervision and guidance to all teams. Moving them into the next area when they'd completed their initial plots.



The Outcome

The working window on the M1 can be small, so utilising these full closures to work has been of huge benefit to everyone.

This stretch of the M1 is an incredibly complex part of the network with multiple assets and street furniture to cut around. This makes it a much fiddlier cutting job than on other roads.

There is a huge safety benefit to working this way, with multiple teams working inside the full closures. It had the added benefit of a massive cost saving on the traffic management requirements. The reduced time spent doing the grass cutting means that road users were also impacted far less than normal.

The trial was a success and we'll be completing the grass cutting in 4-day blockades again this season.



“Great effort from CGS on the East region’s very challenging network. We worked together collaboratively to deliver a great service for the customer and client. The cut was delivered safely and on target.”

**James Jordan, Area Manager
Ringway**

