

Safety Alert

Verge Strimming Activities

13th June 2019

Background information

On the 13th May a contractor was undertaking strimming operations on the grass verges adjacent to the carriageway on the A14 in Cambridgeshire.

Whilst conducting this activity a piece of debris hit a passing vehicle causing the near side passenger door window to shatter. No injuries were sustained.



Immediate actions taken:

- Works were immediately stopped.
- Incident was reported and investigations commenced.

Actions to prevent recurrence:

- A full Risk Assessment review was carried out. This included the use of debris fencing or screen adjacent to the work area to prevent flying debris.
- Traffic management is to be put in place when strimming works are being undertaken (within 5 metres of the carriageway).
- Contractor was asked to review the different type of head guards available for the brush cutter to reduce the potential for flying objects.
- A Tool Box Talk was provided to all of the operatives conducting strimming operations on the project.