

# PROVEN PERFORMANCE

*How a Local Approach Pays Dividends  
Leicestershire Highways Works Alliance;  
Environment Works, Grass Cutting*



Partnership Leicestershire County Council (LCC) and Tarmac

**Main Contractor** Tarmac Contracting

**Location** Leicestershire

**Timescale** Spring / Summer 2013

**Completion** For review April 2014

*The LHWA is a long-term £8m per annum contract between LCC and Tarmac. For the 2013 grass cutting season it was decided to appoint a local equipment hirer, Startins, for all grass cutting equipment and its maintenance. Tarmac was awarded the contract in January 2008. As well as pavement maintenance works, the LHWA includes a range of environmental works, including grass cutting of highway verges and amenity areas.*

### THE CHALLENGE

The aim of this move was to ensure the back up and support of a main dealer who has direct contacts with all of the main supply chains for ancillary equipment.

Putting in place a comprehensive and regular maintenance schedule for all machinery so that potential faults could be picked up quickly therefore avoiding breakdowns and lost time was also a priority.

### OUR SOLUTION

Startins investment required a considerable outlay for 4 tractors with front and rear cutting decks and 8 urban mowers over a two year hire period. Back up and support for these was provided by a full container of spare parts located at Twycross which has allowed immediate repairs to be carried out.

Works are often carried out overnight to ensure that no productivity time is lost as a result of damages or warranty work, whilst continual updates to improve the operating safety of the tractors have been actioned in conjunction with the drivers and our safety and health department.

### RESULTS AND BENEFITS

The local contract with Startins has seen a quicker response time to breakdowns and a reduction in travelling time to reach any part of the County.

Savings in fuel costs achieved by only having to call on the service engineer when required. The previous hirer had to travel down on a daily basis to achieve the SLA of attending a breakdown within the hourly call out requirement. Provision of the latest grass cutting machinery which have 'efficient power' - more productive and using less fuel. Helped provide further job opportunities for the local area.

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