

Report on 'Trees at Risk' Identified from the Tree Survey – July 2025

Following the tree survey conducted in July 2025, an onsite inspection was carried out on **Thursday, 14th August 2025**.

Attendees:

- Cllr Simon Docherty
- Cllr Roger Perham
- Cllr Christopher Rootes
- Wendy Gregory, Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

Purpose of Inspection:

To review and propose appropriate actions for trees identified in the survey as requiring immediate works or further inspection.

1. Duke's Meadow

G1 – Mixed Tree Species

- **Survey recommendation:** Immediate action – Fell dead trees
- **Findings:** General woodland with approximately six dead trees.
- **Proposed action:** Fell dead trees and allow them to decompose on site.

G2 – Mixed Tree Species

- **Survey recommendation:** Immediate action – Remove dead wood and sever ivy
- **Findings:** General woodland; one dead branch noted but poses no immediate danger.
- **Proposed:** No action.

T1,T2,T3 – English Oak

- **Findings:** These trees are not within Parish Council managed land and should be removed from future surveys.
 - **Proposed:** No action.
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2. Jubilee Field

T2 – Sycamore

- **Survey recommendation:** Reduce crown
- **Findings:** Tree appears healthy.
- **Proposed action:** Check reasons for hazard rating of 8 and reassess.

T3 – Ash

- **Survey recommendation:** Remove small rubbing stem
- **Findings:** Thin stem rubbing against main trunk.
- **Proposed action:** Cllr Docherty to remove stem and leave on site.

G2 – Mixed Tree Species

- **Survey recommendation:** Immediate action – Remove dead ash trees
- **Findings:** One live ash tree, in poor condition, potentially unstable.
- **Proposed action:** To further determine the policy on removing dead and dying Ash trees; whether they should be felled or left as standing deadwood and to monitor regularly with no immediate action.

G3 – Mixed Tree Species

- **Survey recommendation:** Immediate action – Remove dead ash trees
- **Findings:** General woodland; falling trees would not pose danger to people or property.
- **Proposed:** No action.

G4 – Mixed Tree Species

- **Survey recommendation:** Immediate action – Remove dead ash trees
 - **Findings:** General woodland; falling trees would not pose danger to people or property.
 - **Proposed:** No action.
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3. Pine Meadow

T1 – Sycamore

- **Survey recommendation:** Needs further inspection – Reduce crown
- **Findings:** Large tree forming roadside screen; ownership unclear.
- **Proposed action:** Check deeds for land ownership and the detailed report for justification of recommendation.

T2 – Sycamore

- **Survey recommendation:** Needs further inspection – Reduce crown
- **Findings:** Large tree forming roadside screen; ownership unclear.
- **Proposed action:** Check deeds for land ownership and the detailed report for justification of recommendation.

T3 – English Oak

- **Survey recommendation:** Immediate action – Fell tree
 - **Findings:** Millennium commemorative tree, aesthetically valued but at risk of splitting and failure. Located in children's play area.
 - **Proposed action:** Seek expert advice on alternatives to felling, with safety as primary consideration.
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4. Cheyney Field

T1 – Silver Birch

- **Survey recommendation:** Needs further inspection – Reduce crown by 30% (2m)
- **Findings:** Tree appears healthy.
- **Proposed action:** Check reasons for the hazard rating of 10 and reassess.

T2 – Goat Willow

- **Survey recommendation:** Needs further inspection – Sever ivy
- **Findings:** Tree is misshapen; further works would worsen shape.
- **Proposed action:** Remove tree completely and remove from site.

T5 – English Oak

- **Survey recommendation:** Needs further inspection – Remove dead wood
- **Findings:** Several lower dead branches.
- **Proposed action:** Remove dead branches.

T6 – Red Oak

- **Survey recommendation:** Needs further inspection – Remove dead wood and hangers
- **Findings:** Several lower dead branches.
- **Proposed action:** Remove dead branches and hangers.

T7 – English Oak

- **Survey recommendation:** Needs further inspection – Remove dead wood
- **Findings:** Tree scheduled for removal under planned works (due to proximity to electricity wires).
- **Proposed action:** No action.

G1 – Mixed

- **Survey recommendation:** Needs further inspection – Remove dead tree
- **Findings:** General woodland; falling tree would not pose danger to people or property.
- **Proposed action:** No action.