



THE IVERS

PARISH COUNCIL

Council Owned Tree Policy

Trees are of vital importance us all and have significant environmental value and help provide us with cleaner, filtered air, shade in the summer and warmth in the winter.

The Council is responsible for the management of all trees on Parish Council owned land.

Work the Council will do on Council owned trees:

- Remove dead, dying or dangerous trees
- Remove dangerous limbs
- Remove limbs which are obscuring highway signs, traffic lights or lamp columns
- Inspect and if necessary, repair trip hazards caused by roots of Parish Council owned trees
- Remove trees within 2 metres from a property (see note 1 below)

Work the Council will not do on Council owned trees:

- Cut back branches overhanging private property. (The private property owner has the legal right to cut back these branches on a tree which is not subject to a Tree Protection Order)
- 'Top' trees or remove branches to increase daylight or decrease height in relation to property. (There is no right to light under the law and therefore we have no legal obligation to abate this perceived nuisance)
- Remove branches or trees affecting views or interfering with TV reception
- Remove branches or trees to prevent falling leaves, honeydew from aphids or other minor debris
- Remove roots from gardens
- Remove roots from drains or repair damage to structures where the tree has not been clearly demonstrated to be the principal cause
- Remove branches or trees to prevent potential root damage to structures
- Remove branches nearly touching buildings, walls, roofs, fences etc
- Remove branches or trees to prevent access to squirrels or birds

1. Notes about Proximity to Buildings

If the main trunk of a tree is within 2 meters of a house, the tree should be felled and replacement planting should take place, if deemed appropriate, in a more suitable location. Only trees with a high amenity or historical value will be considered for retention within the 2m category. If the main trunk of a tree is within 5m and the crown is within 2m of a housing structure, it should be assessed for appropriateness within its location.

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