

Dear Sirs,

Re: Tree Management at St Mary's Church, Great Henny CO10 7NL

Henny Church is founded on clay soil and the walls of the Vestry and North Transept Chapel are cracking. The size of the cracks, which have been monitored since 2012, has continued to increase, and in 2019 it was noticed that the East wall which had been underpinned in the late 1980's was rotating.

Further underpinning of the Vestry and North Transept Chapel, together with high level tie-rods to the East wall was proposed, but Chelmsford Diocesan Registry had reservations as to the worth or long-term effectiveness of this plan and asked that alternative solutions be investigated before they could grant a Faculty for the works to proceed.

Soil surveys were carried out in September 2020 and the Engineer suggested that Tree Management was the most cost-effective solution.

The Tree Management Scheme is shown on Steven James Allan's Drawing Numbers:

Drawing 01 referending each of the trees (T1, T2 etc.) and showing the current tree influence.

Drawing 02 indicates the extent to which the tree heights should be reduced to be safe with the current foundation depths (in line with NHBC standards).

Drawing 03 indicates potential future works if the surrounding trees are allowed to grow to Maturity in the future.

Initial Works	Oak,	Ref T11, needs reducing in height from 14m down to 10m,
Future Works	Horse Chestnut,	Ref T1, currently 8m high to be limited to 12m
	Maple,	Ref T13, currently 6m high to be limited to 12m
	Maple,	Ref T14, currently 5m high to be limited to 14m
	Lime,	Ref T15, currently 10m high to be limited to 17m
	Sycamore,	Ref T16, currently 5m high to be limited to 17m
	Field Maple,	Ref T17, currently 5m high to be limited to 16.5m
	Sycamore,	Ref T18, currently 5m high to be limited to 17m

Note that T11 (Oak) and T15 (Lime) are subject to a TPO ref 2/89, so I am writing to seek permission to have these works carried out.

I trust that the attached documents are self-explanatory, but if required I would be happy to meet you in the churchyard to discuss these proposals.

Yours faithfully,



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