

Annual Tree Condition Survey with Management Recommendations

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 INSTRUCTION

I have been instructed by Ardleigh Parish Council to carry out a survey to establish the condition of each tree (over 150mm diameter at 1.3m above ground level) within the Ardleigh Parish

This survey involves a ground level only inspection to establish the condition of the trees. To the following sites

- 1. The Village Hall/ Recreation ground/ Millennium Green, Station Road
- 2. The Cemetery, Harwich Road
- 3. The Churchyard, Harwich Road.
- 4. Slough Lane

1.2 INFORMATION PROVIDED AND SCOPE OF THE REPORT

The brief is to survey all trees on the designated sites and provide specifications for any necessary safety works. I visited the sites on 16th and 28th June 2021. All observations were made by visual means, without detailed investigations and from ground level. All dimensions are estimated.

1.3 ASPECT DEALT WITH WITHIN THIS REPORT

The tree survey includes details of the physiological and structural condition of the trees. From the site visits, recommendations have been made within the tree survey with any immediate and future management requirements. A consideration of the 'targets' where within the report targets are considered as those things, people and property that could be hit by the trees failure, whether partial or total. All observations are made from within the boundaries of the property on which the tree is situated.

1.4 ASPECTS NOT DEALT WITH WITHIN THIS REPORT

Please also refer to Appendix 1. The survey did not excavate around the root plate of any of the trees. Further in-depth investigations that are considered necessary are highlighted within the management recommendations of the survey. The report only considers the current condition and health of the tree. An assessment of the risk of subsidence, heave and direct damage to adjacent properties, built structures and drainage is not considered.

2. METHODOLOGY

- 2.1 All trees over 150mm at 1.3m were surveyed, plotted on a plan and given a unique reference number.
- 2.2 The details and work requirements (if any) of each tree are given in the schedules for the individual sites included with this report. All works necessary have been given priority ratings of low, medium or high.
- 2.3 Re-inspection periods have been designated as 1 year for trees on all sites unless specified within the report.
- 2.4 With reference to specified works:

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Explanation of category headings within Tree Survey:

Tree No:	The tree number that has been given to the tree or group of trees as shown on the site plans. T= Tree G= group H= hedge
English name:	This is the general common usage name given to the tree.
Height:	This is an approximate figure given in meters. Measurements are estimated unless elsewhere stated.
Canopy width:	This is an approximate figure given in meters. Measurements are estimated unless elsewhere stated.
Girth:	This is an approximate figure given in millimeters of the diameter at 1.3m above ground level.
Age:	Y= Young trees aged less than one third of life expectancy. MA= Middle aged trees between one to two thirds of life expectancy. M = Mature tree over two thirds of life expectancy. OM= Over mature trees exceeding life expectancy.
Tree condition:	A single word summary is used to describe the tree. Good: A tree in generally good health and free of significant defects with an ability to resist pathogens Reasonable: A tree in generally good health but with significant defects requiring works. Poor: A tree in poor condition both structurally and physiologically with significant defects requiring substantial works or removal. Multi= Multi Stemmed.
Recommended tree works:	These recommendations are drawn from consideration of the structural condition and observations made at the time of the survey.
Other comments	These observations and comments on the visible physiological and structural condition of the tree on the day of the survey. They are brief and relate to unaided observations from the ground.
Work Priority	1= Low priority works. To be completed within 1 year of the date of this report if budgets allow 2= Medium priority works. To be completed within 6 months. 3= High priority works. To be completed within 3 months

All works should be carried out in accordance with BS3998:2010: Tree Work - Recommendations.

TREE HEALTH AND SAFETY AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1

Records should be kept of the timing and scope of inspections and works carried out to each tree.

3.2

A competent person in accordance with this schedule should carry out inspections, and works are to be carried out within the timescales specified following the inspections.

3.3

As individual trees increase in size or decline in condition, they should be considered for upgrading to a more frequent inspection regime, according to individual circumstances.

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Appendix 1.

Limitations of the Tree Survey and Scope of the Report

Please also refer to sections 1.3 and 1.4 at the beginning of this report.

The survey was based on unaided, visual observations made from ground level only.

All observations were made from within the boundaries of the property, or from public land unless otherwise stated. Trees within neighboring property are inspected as closely as is reasonably possible from within the boundaries of the property or public land.

This report focuses on the physiological and structural condition of those tree/s as identified within the instructions or that fall within the parameters as detailed within section 1 of the report.

The report will remain valid for one year from the date of the inspection, but will become invalid if any building works are carried out on the property, soil levels around the trees are altered in any way or tree works other than those recommended within the report are carried out. If any of these occur it is strongly recommended that a new tree inspection be carried out.

The recommendations for the management of trees have been formulated after balancing:

- The need to avoid foreseeable damage and manage risk.
- Other arbonicultural considerations—aesthetics, environmental benefits, tree health.

Trees in relation to other Properties

This report/survey only considers the trees in relation to the site as identified.

It does not comment on possible effects of trees considered on neighboring properties with regard to possible bazards presented by trees surveyed.

Neighboring owners of trees that are identified as hazardous or posing a possible risk to targets identified should seek their own advice as to possible effects of the recommendations given within this report.

Damage to, or possibility of damage to, any other structure that is not referred to within the report is not considered unless otherwise specified. This includes both neighboring structures and any other structure on the property.

Consideration of the Trees in Relation to Subsidence/ Heave

The report does not consider an assessment of the risk of Subsidence or Heave to any properties, built structures or drainage whether within the bounds of the site considered or adjacent to the site.

Such considerations would be more appropriately considered within a specific report.

Consideration of the Trees in relation to direct damage

The report does not consider direct damage related to tree root growth in relation to any structures whether within the bounds of the site considered or adjacent to the site.

Direct damage in this instance is considered to be where the roots of a tree have physical contact with a structure.

Assessment of 'Targets' as considered

"Targets" are considered as those things, people and property that could be hit by the trees failure, whether partial or total.

These Targets are identified from an evaluation of the site at the time of the survey.

Changes to the site from the time of the survey will affect the targets as considered within the report and will require review or re-appraisal of the report.

Timing of the Survey and the Report

The Appraisal and Conclusions within the report are valid only for a year.

Such Appraisals and Conclusions will become invalid or necessary for review if changes occur to the site as considered that affect the condition of the tree, the site as evaluated or the bazards as identified at the time of the survey.

Such considerations will include building works, changes to ground levels or tree works carried out.

Trees subject to statutory controls

It has not been established whether or not any of the trees mentioned within the report are covered by any statutory controls. This can be done if requested.

If the trees are covered by a Tree Preservation Order or are located in a conservation area it will be necessary to consult the local authority before any printing works, other than certain exemptions, can be carried out.

The works specified above are necessary for reasonable management and should be acceptable to the local authority. However, the local authority may take an alternative point of view and have the option to refuse consent.

Trees are subject to changes outside man's control

Trees are living organisms subject to changes outside man's control. Trees and environment after with the seasons it is as well to inspect trees whilst in full leaf and when out of leaf. If there are any harsh or unexpected weather conditions, or heavy storms it is also prudent to inspect trees.

Changes to ground water conditions will affect the root growth of a tree. Such changes are not always the result of man's influence and others factors maybe involved.

The conclusions and recommendations in this tree report are only valid for one year

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<u>Appendix 2: Tree schedule</u>
The following include the tree survey for the grounds of the village hall and the recreation ground.

Tree Ref.	Species	Ht	Girth	_	Physiological and Structural condition of tree and comments	Management Recommendations	Work Priority
T1	Robinia	11	440	MA	Reasonable, low branches obscuring CCTV view	N/A	
G2	2x yew, 1 x Rowan, 1x Laurel	8	200	MA	Reasonable. • Recent pruning to clear CCTV view	N/A	
Т3	Leyland cypress	9	315	Υ	Reasonable • Suppressing pine	N/A	
T4	Scots Pine	9	315	Y	Poor Suppressed by T3 Dead Tree	• Fell	3
T5	Robinia	8.5	280	MA	Reasonable Minor deadwood throughout canopy	Remove deadwood over 50mm diameter	1
T6	Ash	9	365	MA	Reasonable Minor deadwood throughout canopy	Remove deadwood over 50mm diameter	1
T7	Robinia	8	370	MA	Good	N/A	
T6	Yew	3	150	MA	Good	N/A	
Т9	Horse Chestnut	7	150	Y	Reasonable. • Suppressed by neighbours	N/A	
T10	Walnut	9.5	235	МА	Good Suppressed by neighbour	N/A	
T11	Ash	9.5	405	MA	Reasonable	N/A	
T12	Sycamore	5	100	Υ	Good	N/A	
T14	Oak	8.5	320	MA	Good	N/A	
T15	Horse chestnut	9.5	220	MA	Good	N/A	
T16	Sycamore	14	3 x stems @ 450 total	МА	Reasonable • Acute fork with included bark	Remove 2 x weaker stems retain the strongest stem	1
T17	Sycamore	10	310	MA	Good	N/A	

T18	Oak	16	920	М	Reasonable • Hung up branch over neighbouring conifers H22	Remove hung up branch	1
T19	Gleditsia	8	170	MA	Good	N/A	
H20	Thorn mix and spindle	7	230	М	Reasonable Trimmed anually	N/A	
T21	Oak	12	2 x stems @320	MA	Reasonable	N/A	
H22	10 x Leyland cypress	10	200	MA	Reasonable Recently reduced	N/A	
T23	Oak	13	520	MA	Previously reduced. Bark damage with exudates/ slime flux	N/A	
T24	Norway maple	14	458	м	Reasonable Basal damage to east of trunk Deadwood throughout canopy	Remove deadwood over 100mm diameter	2
T25	Norway maple	14	470	М	Reasonable Recently reduced	N/A	
T26	Oak	1	<100	Υ	Good New planting	N/A	
T27	Atlas cedar	13	450	MA	Reasonable Recently reduced	N/A	
T28	Atlas cedar	13	465	MA	Reasonable Recently reduced	N/A	
G29	3 x cedar	2	<100	Y	Reasonable • New planting	N/A	
H30	Mixed broadleaf hedge row	10	100-300	MA	Reasonable • Dead elm by T31	Remove dead elm	1
T31	Birch	6	120	MA	Good	N/A	
T32	Oak	14	905	М	Good	□ /A	
T33	Raywood ash	7	180	Y	Reasonable • History of branch failure	N/A	

T34	Laurel	6	Multi stemmed	М	Reasonable Split branches	Remove split branches	2
T35	Norway Maple	10	460	М	Stem decay/ damage to north of stem - Monitor	N/A	
T36	Norway maple	8	375	MA	Reasonable	N/A	
T37	Oak	6	120	MA	Good	N/A	
T38	Norway maple	9	390	MA	Reasonable Bark damage to stem on eastern side	N/A	
T39	Norway maple	10	460	М	Reasonable 2 x Limbs with acute fork and congested bark located south/ central crown	Reduce the crown by 20% (2m)	1
G40	5 x Cherry	7	120	Y	Good	N/A	
T41	Birch	7	130	Y	Felled tree	Replacement required	1
T42	Field maple	8	360	MA	Good	N/A	
T43	Cherry	4	<100	Υ	Poor • Severe stem decay – good reaction growth	N/A	
G44	4 x Birch	2	<100	Y	Reasonable	 Remove stake and tie Relace the dead tree 	1
T45	Silver Birch	8	200	MA	Good Recently cut back from the bench	N/A	
T46	Oak	4	170	Y	Good	N/A	

The following table shows the inspection results for the Millennium Green

Tree Ref.	Species	Ht	Girth	Age Class	Physiological and Structural condition of tree and observations	Management Recommendations	Work Priority
H47	Mixed thorn hedge	4	200	М	Reasonable Old structures Obscuring path	Cut back to clear the path	2
G48	15x Apple	1-7	50-180	Y	Reasonable	Formatively prune trees including reducing the extended branches	2
G49	Mixed Broadleaf tree- belt	8	Average 100	Y	Reasonable Starting to suppress each other Obscuring path Minor dead stems	 Thin out by approx. 20% every 5 years as part of management schedule to encourage strong trees Coppice trees and shrubs adjacent to path to clear the path by 1m Remove dead stems 	2
G50	12 x Boundary Oaks	6	100	Y	Good	N/A	
G51	3 x Birch, 1x Cherry, coppice stools	7	120	Y	Reasonable	N/A	
G52	16 x Trees mix sp.		<100	Y	Reasonable	Remove stake and ties Replace dead trees in winter	2
T53	Oak	4	<100	Y	Good	N/A	

The following table shows the inspection results for the Cemetery, Harwich Road

Tree Ref.	Species	Ht	Girth	Age Class	Physiological and Structural condition of tree and observations	Management Recommendations	Work Priority
T54	Yew	11	415	М	Good	N/A	
T55	Holly	12	505	ОМ	Reasonable Competing with 2 x sycamore	 Remove 2 x sycamore and poison the stumps to prevent regrowth 	2
T56	Scots pine	12	450	М	Reasonable Prolific ivy-previously severed. Storm damage leaving an unbalanced crown	• Fell	1
G57	Holly/ laurel/ holm oak/ sycamore stumps	14	385	МА	Good Holm oak recently removed Remaining shrubs are getting large	Cut back to contain growth	1
T58	Lime	22	815	М	Good Excessive Ivy on stem	Sever ivy	2
T59	Lime	18.5	470	MA	Good • Excessive Ivy on stem	Sever ivy	2
T60	Oak	6.5	395	МА	Poor Fire damage has lead to sparse crown and deadwood Excessive lean over boundary	N/A	
T61	Scots pine	19	640	М	Reasonable • Deadwood - stabilized	N/A	
T62	Yew	11	555	М	Reasonable	N/A	
T63	Sycamore 4 x stems	10	200	Y	Good	N/A	
G64	8 x Sycamore 1 x Oak	111	200	Y	Reasonable Inappropriate location for these trees	 Fell the dead stems and retain the oak 	3

		11.55	210		2 x dead sycamore either side of the oak		
G65	10 x Yew	6.5	405	М	Reasonable Climbing plants and other vegetation are competing with the yews Subsiding branches	 Cut back or sever competing vegetation Formatively prune. Prune back subsiding branches in line with canopy 	1
T66	Vibumum tinus	4		М	Reasonable Obstructing the path	Trim back from the path	1
T67	Cedar	19	1190	м	Reasonable Recently pruned. Excessively thinned out middle of crown	N/A	
G68	2 x Sycamore	9	320	МА	Reasonable Inappropriate location for these trees – consider removing	Fell and treat the stumps	1
Т69	Sycamore 2 x stems	14	550	МА	Congested bark – weak fork on stem to North at 2.5m Ivy is present on the stem Inappropriate location for these trees – consider removing	Fell and treat the stumps	1
T70	Leylandii	17	540	МА	Reasonable	N/A	
G71	5 x Irish yew 1 x holly 1 x redwood	10	350	MA	Reasonable Inappropriate location for the holy – consider removing as it is suppressing the adjacent yew and pushing on a grave stone	Fell the holy and treat the stump	2
G72	8 x Scots pine 2 x yew 1 x Hawthom	16	450	MA	Reasonable	N/A	
T73	Whitebeam	9.5	710	М	Reasonable Prolific ivy	Sever ivy	2

T74	Portuguese Laurel	8	250	М	Reasonable Low branches obstructing mowing operations and obscuring graves	Lift canopy to 2m	2
G75	Portuguese Laurel	8	250	м	Reasonable • Low branches obstructing mowing operations and obscuring graves	Lift canopy to 2m	2
T76	Holly	8	360	MA	Good	N/A	1106
T77	Thuja	6	150	МА	Good	N/A	
T78	Lawson's cypress 3 x stemmed	10	380	МА	Reasonable • Minor dead branches from severed ivy	N/A	
T79	Juniper	9	280	MA	Good	N/A	
G80	12 x Irish yew	9	280	МА	Reasonable • Subsiding branches	 Reduce tops by 1.5 – 2m to match opposite trees Formatively prune. Prune back subsiding branches in line with canopy 	2
T81	Lawson's Cypress (multi- stemmed)	9	210	MA	Reasonable • 3 dead stems closest to the water tap	Remove 3 dead stems	3
T82	Oak	9	178	Y	Good • Low branches	Lift canopy to 2m	2
T83	Apple	8	428	м	Split branch to east of canopy @ 3m Over weighted and extended limbs	Remove split branchReduce the canopy by 25%	2
G84	2 x Scots pine 1 x oak	7	185	Y	Good	N/A	
G86	2 x variegated holly	9	400	м	Good	N/A	
T87	Scots pine	6	220	Υ	Good	N/A	
H88	Holy hedge	12	220	МА	Reasonable Clipped hedge with lapsed trees. Predominantly sycamore and holy	Cut trees to below height of the clipped hedge before the trees become mature	1

The following table shows the inspection results for the Churchyard, Harwich Road

Tree Ref.	Species	Ht	Girth	Age Class	Physiological and Structural condition of tree and observations	Management Recommendations	Work Priority
T89	Irish yew	8	160	MA	Good	N/A	
Т90	Red horse chestnut	14	615	МА	Fungal fruiting body to the south of stem with a significant column of decay Previously reduced	• Monitor	1
T91	London plane	18	775	М	Over extended low limb to the North Suppressed by neighbours Minor anthracnose (die-back of leaf) Ivy on stem	N/A	
Т92	Horse chestnut	17	1012	м	Very large tree Subsiding limbs with bark congestion and flaking bark	N/A	
G93	11 x Irish yew	7	300	MA	Reasonable • Subsiding branches	 Formatively prune. Prune back subsiding branches in line with canopy 	2
T95	Tulip tree	3	>100	Y	Dead	Replace tree	2
T96	Elm	9	200	Y	Reasonable	N/A	
Т97	Deodar cedar (multi- stemmed)	14.5	1305	М	Reasonable Low exposed limb growing towards church entrance (north east) showing signs of stress with fiber buckling Minor deadwood over the elm (T96)	Reduce the limb towards church entrance by 4m to balance the canopy	2
T98	Juniper	9	275	М	Good	N/A	
T100	Holy	7	170	Y	Reasonable • Ivy on stem	Sever ivy	1

T101	Deodar cedar	14.5	650	МА	Dying back with 50% of the canopy dead. The remaining leaf is chlorotic indicating stress	Dismantle the tree to leave a stump Replacement required	3
H102	Yew and holy hedge	5	150	MA	Neighbours sweet chestnut has low branches over the garden of rest	Crown lift the sweet chestnut to 2m	2
T104	Sycamore (multi- stemmed)	14	305	MA	Reasonable	N/A	
T105	Lawsons cypress	9	170	МА	Reasonable • Sparse crown	N/A	
G106	London Plane	7	>100	Y	Reasonable • Anthracnose of leaf	N/A	
Γ108	Tree of heaven	7	213	Y	Good	N/A	
T109	Yew (multi- stemmed)	10	270	МА	Reasonable Recent storm damage exposing extended branches	Reduce extended branches by 2-3m	2
T110	Holy	8	250	MA	Reasonable	N/A	
T111	Bay	10	450	М	Reasonable	N/A	
T112	Deodar cedar	11	320	Y	Reasonable	N/A	

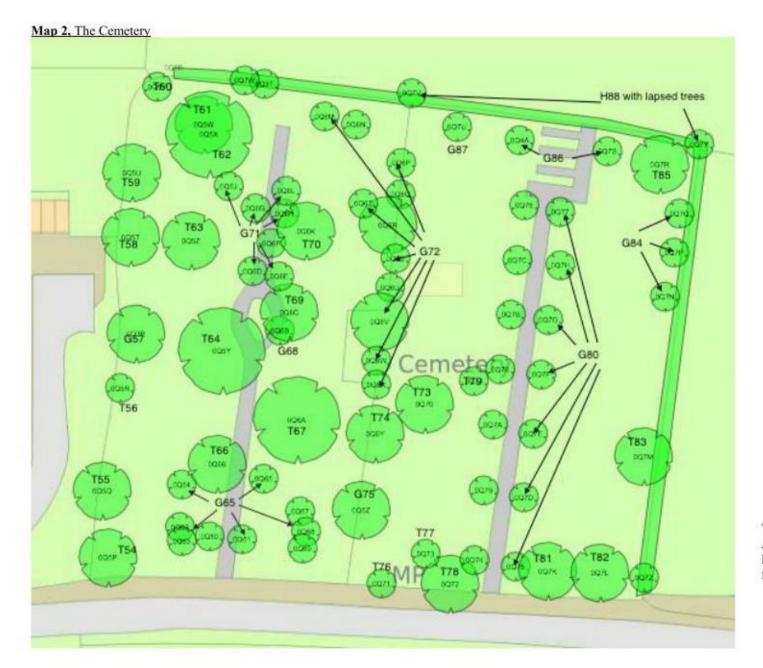
The following table shows the inspection results for Slough Lane between Slough Farm and Bromley Road.

Tree Ref.	Species	Ht	Girth		Physiological and Structural condition of tree and observations	Management Recommendations	Work Priority
	12x ash 10 x oaks 2x hornbeam 2 x Poplar	3-10	<100-300	Y	Good • 1 x ash (2 nd tree in from the Bromley road on the south side) with dieback 90% dead	- Uaniacoment required	3

<u>Appendix 3: Maps</u> <u>Map1. The Village Hall/ Recreation ground/ Millennium Green, Station Road, Ardleigh</u>

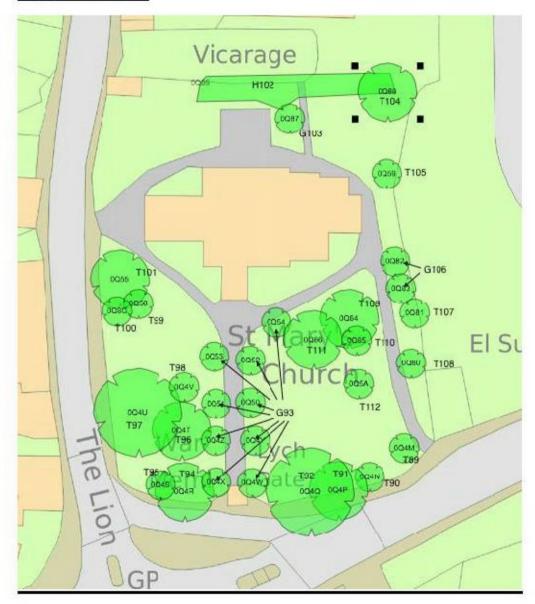


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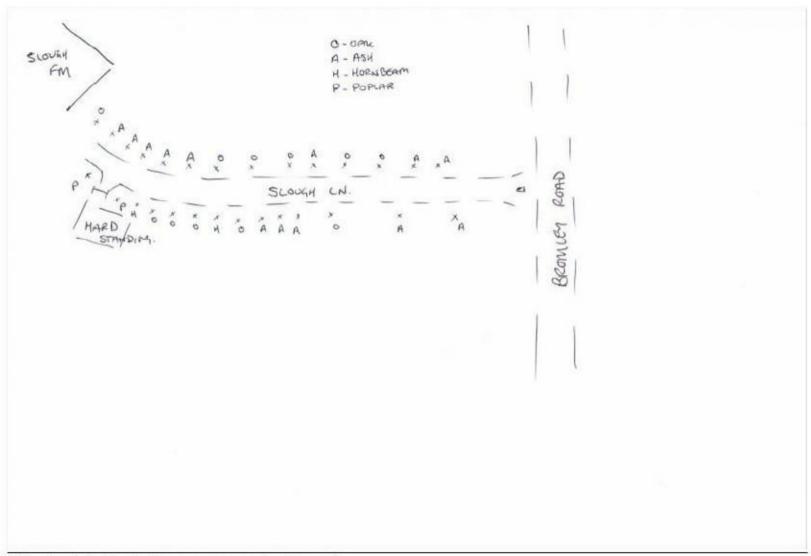
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Map 3, The Churchyard



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Map 4. Slough Lane



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