GROVESIDE TREE SPECIALISTS

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Dear Mr Greaves,

RE: Hawton Church Yard, Newark, Notts. NG24 3RN.

Following our recent site visit, please find below our report and recommendations for the tree work required at the above site.

T1 through T15:

11x Lime trees, 2x Beech trees & 2x Sycamore:

These trees are within the linear planting of a total sixteen trees along the Church Wall and also overhang the drive to the adjacent houses.

These were last pruned in 2015 where the lower growth was removed to clear the drive.

This species of tree (The Lime especially) regenerate vigorously and require regular maintenance to maintain adequate clearance of the drive.

They appear healthy and vigorous with no visible signs of disease or decay.

The low branches impede the drive and also shade out adjacent borders.

There is a telecommunications cable running near to several of the trees with branches in close proximity.

Remove epicormic growth around the stems to a height of 4m. Crown raise the lower branches to give 5.2m clearance over the drive and prune back branches to clear the cables by 2m. Remove major deadwood from the canopy.

T 16:

Large Beech tree:

This tree is the last in the row of trees along the Church wall and also the closest tree to the Church building.

A limb was reported as broken and fallen into the adjacent garden in April 2022. This was removed from site and confirmed to have been from this Beech tree.

There is a Fruiting bracket evident at the base of Ganoderma spp fungii which causes internal decay of the stem where it is infected.

Trees of this age and size are commonly infected with fungal pathogens which will eventually cause the tree to fail if left to its own devices.

The tree at the moment appears very vigorous with exceptional leaf cover throughout the whole canopy.

It appears to have been pruned back approx 10-12 years ago and the resulting re-growth is both dense and heavy on the branch extremities. This may have been the cause of the recently broken branch which in inclement weather would be easily broken with the extra weight of rain and increased wind resistance.

The tree leans significantly towards the Church and would strike the building if it were to fall over.

There is also a small cavity at around 8m from ground level and this appears to be occupied by Squirrels.

To maintain the tree in its current location I would recommend a Crown reduction in height by no more than 3m and lateral branches by 2m.

Branches should be pruned back to the nearest suitable replacement union to maintain a natural flowing branch line and canopy shape.

All tree work will be carried out in accordance with BS 3998: 2010 (recommendations for tree work).

If we can be of any further help or assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely



Kevin Wholey





