

Dear Chloe.

Following my visit to your property, Bakehouse Cottage, Lombard Street, Petworth, I have put together the following work proposal to maintain your garden space.

The reference for tree numbers is as follows.

T1 – Mountain ash.

T2 – Ivy/Clematis vines

T3 – Fig.

T4 – Clematis Vine.

T5 – Viburnum.

T6 – Small Cherry.

T1 – This Mountain ash is approx. 8 meters tall and has become overgrown with ivy and is therefore in decline. I recommend removing the ivy from the stem without damaging the cambium of the tree, after the ivy is removed, I propose pruning the tree to a finished height of approx. 5 meters.

T2 – This is a hedge made up of ivy and clematis vines, it is beginning to crowd this corner of the garden blocking light to other plants below. It currently is approx. 4 meters tall; I recommend pruning its height to result in it being 3 meters tall and trimming the side back by 30cm.

T3 – This Fig is blocking light to the garden and its roots are causing trouble to the neighbours, I recommend pruning in hard by removing 50% allowing it to come back as a tighter easily manageable tree. Its height is currently approx. 7 meters and its spread about 7 meters from the stem all round. The result of this prune will be a height of 3.5 meters and spread from stem 3.5 meters.

T4 – This Clematis has grown up the shed and into the Catalpa tree, I recommend separating the vine from the catalpa carefully to not damage the tree. The Clematis would be severed at shed height.

T5 – This Viburnum could be trimmed into a dome with a hedge cutter, its current height is approx. 4 meters, the result of pruning would be a height of 3.5 meters.

T6 – This is a young cherry has leant over into the neighbour's garden in search for light, it has bad structure as a result of this and therefore it should be removed.

Kind regards, Luke Bentley