

# **Young Tree Maintenance**

**For**

**The Old Cottage, Mud Lane, Eversley, RG27 0QS**

## **Management Structure**

After trees are installed, ongoing maintenance and monitoring of the site shall be the responsibility of the homeowner.

**Tree & Hedge Planting-** All proposed trees and hedges are to be planted as shown on drawing no. 22.965.C01- Tree Planting Plan.

## **Stake Installation, Maintenance and Removal**

All trees will be planted with staking kits. The stakes will allow the trees to flex slightly in the wind and the stakes will be inserted at least 40cm, into the soil to properly support the tree.

Tree ties will be checked regularly to ensure that they are not becoming too tight against the trunk as they grow. Ties and stakes to also be checked after bad weather to ensure that they remain intact and well-anchored and there are no signs of abrasion.

Tree stakes should remain in place until the tree has a good root system and is robust enough to support itself. This typically takes 18months to 3 years.

Stakes can normally be removed by pulling them out of the ground by hand. Tree ties will be removed and the stakes will be rocked back and fourth until free enough to pull up. Holes will be filled with topsoil. If stakes have been in place for a number of years and are close to the tree trunk, they will be sawn off at ground level instead of attempting to remove them.

## Young Tree & Hedge Maintenance

<b>Acer Campestre Tree (Field Maple)</b>		
<b>Maintenance Task</b>	<b>Period of Year</b>	<b>Frequency</b>
Planting	Year round	N/A
Watering	Year round	Regularly during spring and summer, increasing in periods of hot or dry weather. May need a little water in autumn.
Weeding	Year Round	Keep area free of competing weeds and grass of the first couple of growing seasons.
Pruning	Nov- Jan	As needed to remove any damaged or diseased branches.
Apply fertiliser	March-April	1

<b>Malus Sylvestris (Crab Apple)</b>		
<b>Maintenance Task</b>	<b>Period of Year</b>	<b>Frequency</b>
Planting	Oct- Feb	N/A
Watering	Year round	Regularly during spring and summer, increasing in periods of hot or dry weather.
Weeding	Year Round	As needed to remove any weeds around the base to reduce competition for nutrients for the first few years.
Pruning	Nov- Feb	As needed to remove any damaged or diseased branches or any that hang too low. This tree does not require heavy pruning.
Apply fertiliser	Late spring	1

<b>Prunus Avium (Wild Cherry)</b>		
<b>Maintenance Task</b>	<b>Period of Year</b>	<b>Frequency</b>
Planting	Autumn	N/A
Watering	Spring/ Summer	As required. Heavy watering to reach deepest route level of the tree. In hot dry spells give the equivalent of 2 bucketful's every three days.
Weeding	Year Round	For at least 3 years ensure that a circle or strip one metre wide around the tree is completely free of grass and weeds.
Pruning	Summer	Only if essential, make as few cuts as possible and only in the summer when cuts heal quickly.
Apply fertiliser	Early spring	1

<b>Pyrus Communis (Common Pear)</b>		
<b>Maintenance Task</b>	<b>Period of Year</b>	<b>Frequency</b>
Planting	Autumn, Winter or Spring	N/A
Watering	Spring/ Summer	As required. Unlikely to need regular watering except in extreme drought conditions.
Weeding	Year Round	Keep base of tree completely clear of weeds.
Pruning	Dec/ Jan	Cut shoots back to about 4 buds. Thin out excess spurs. Remove diseased, damaged, congested or crossing shoots. If necessary, think clusters to 2 fruit, 10-15cm apart.
Apply fertiliser	Early spring	1

<b>Quercus Robur (English Oak)</b>		
<b>Maintenance Task</b>	<b>Period of Year</b>	<b>Frequency</b>
Planting	Autumn, Winter or Spring	N/A
Watering	Spring/ Summer	As required. Heavy watering to reach deepest route level of the tree. In hot dry spells give the equivalent of 2 bucketful's every three days.
Weeding	Year Round	For at least 3 years ensure that a circle or strip one metre wide around the tree is completely free of grass and weeds.
Pruning	Winter	Up to 3 years old should only be pruned to remove dead or diseased branches.
Apply fertiliser	Late April- Mid July	1 to 2

<b>Quercus Robur (Hawthorn)</b>		
<b>Maintenance Task</b>	<b>Period of Year</b>	<b>Frequency</b>
Planting	Nov- April	N/A
Watering	Year Round	Whenever there are three or more days of continuous dry weather. When weather is hot, daily watering may be needed throughout the first year of growth.
Weeding	Year Round	Keep base clear of weeds.
Pruning	Spring/ Summer	Side branches can be trimmed by one quarter to one third to encourage bushy growth. In late summer of the third year, being to shape sides of the hedge so that they taper toward the top. This is done so light reaches all sides. Don't cut the top until the hedge has reached the desired height.
Apply fertiliser	Late April- Mid July	1 to 2

**Damaged, diseased or dead trees**

Any new trees that die, become severely damaged or diseased within 5 years of planting shall be replaced by a tree of a similar size and species to that originally planted.