

Survey of Trees on land to rear of 32 St. Richards Way, PO21 3BB by Pete and Trish Lane.

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The land at the rear of 32 St Richards Way includes Oaks T2, T3, T4 and a group of 4 Field Maples. We have lived in the property for 5 1/2 years and have observed the growth of the trees since they were last pollarded in February 2021 just before we moved in.

Oak tree T1 is in a neighbours garden but appears to be a Field Maple so this application does not involve T1.

The Oak trees appear to be in sound condition and permission is sought to remove the growth since then, back to the pollarding points at the time we moved in. Also, to remove branches below 3m to enable safe and unimpeded access to all parts of the garden. Any dead or rotten branches to be removed at the same time.

Oak tree in position T2

The Oak tree at T2 has two main trunks which divide about 1.4m above the ground to form east and west trunks.. The total circumference below the division is 3.72m approximately and the estimated height is 17m.

The East trunk has a circumference of 2.1m at 1.5m, and a calculated diameter of 0.66m.

The West trunk has a circumference of 1.43m at 1.5m, and a calculated diameter of 0.45m.

We request permission to remove dead/rotted branches and reduce the tree to previous pollard points at approximately 11m. Also reduce any branches below 3m to allow safe passage through the garden.

Age = Mature

Oak tree in position T3

This tree is on the edge of a dew pond and appears stable. It has two main trunks which divide about 0.4m above ground level. There appears to be a small area of rot in the cavity between the two trunks. The estimated height is 18m.

The West trunk has a circumference of 1.58m at 1.5m and a calculated diameter of 0.5m.

The East trunk has a circumference of 2.92m at 1.5m and a calculated diameter of 0.93m.

We request permission to remove dead/rotted branches and reduce the tree to previous pollard points at approximately 12m. Also reduce any branches below 3m to allow safe passage through the garden.

Age = Mature

Oak tree in position T4

The Oak tree at T4 has two main trunks which divide about 1.2m above the ground. The estimated height is 15m.

The West trunk has a circumference of 1.25m at 1.5m and a calculated diameter of 0.39m.

The East trunk has a circumference of 1.24m at 1.5m and a calculated diameter of 0.39m.

We request permission to remove dead/rotted branches and reduce the tree to previous pollard points at approximately 10m. Also reduce any branches below 3m to allow safe passage through the garden.

Age = Mature.

There are two other mature Oak trees on the land near T4.

Field Maples

Some of the four Field Maples seem to be time expired and at least one is showing signs of rot and wind damage. There are four trees to the west of the former ditch have been identified as 'a', 'b', 'c', and 'd' from north to south. All the Field Maples lean over the former ditch and neighbouring properties.

Field Maple 'a'

The trunk leans in a north easterly direction over the former ditch, now a path. It is approximately 8m tall and has a girth of 760mm, 258mm diameter at 1.5m. There is bark missing from the top branches in places. We request permission to reduce to previous pollard points at 5.5m subject to removal of any rotted wood.

Age = over mature.

Field Maple 'b'

This trunk is in poor condition, has evidence of rot near the top, loss of bark and has a fungi growing on it. It leans over the former ditch/path and our tree surgeon expressed concern over its safety. We request permission to fell the tree because of the damage.

Age = over mature.

Field Maple 'c'

The tree has grown upwards and most of the growth is at the top. The tree surgeon was able to wobble the trunk. It grows over the neighbouring hedge into the neighbours property. It is being supported by the hedge in places. It is not possible to gauge the height as it is behind a hedge. We would like to check for rot and reduce the height to 2m bringing it below the neighbouring hedge. This will reduce the weight of the crown to allow it to be safely supported by the trunk which is only 250mm diameter.

Age = over mature.

Field Maple 'd'

This tree has a main trunk which divides into two trunks at 1.2m from the ground approximately.

The East trunk leans over the neighbouring hedge and property at an approximate height of 9m. It has a diameter of 450mm. The main branches are showing signs of bark loss.

The West trunk has a diameter of 220mm and rises vertically.

We request permission to check for rot and reduce the West trunk overhang onto our neighbours.

We request permission to check for rot and reduce to previous pollard points on the East trunk.

Age = over mature.

Photographs will be submitted separately