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# **REPORT ON THE HEALTH AND SAFETY INSPECTION OF TREES**

**Across**

**St Margaret's Church  
Arundel Road  
Angmering  
West Sussex  
BN16 4JS**

**by**

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*Please refer to  
this if needed  
for site plan*

# **1. Introduction**

## **1.1 Instructions**

### **TREE INSPECTION AT:**

**St Margaret's Church  
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West Sussex  
BN16 4JS**

- 1.1.1 We are instructed by David Boreham, Church Administrator, to visit the above site and to report on the tree population across the site and make recommendations for their management.

## **1.2 Background Information**

- 1.1.2. The grounds of St Margaret's Church consist of buildings, open spaces with grave stones, hedgerow with mature trees. The site is surrounded primarily by a flint walls, outside of which are publicly accessible playing fields, private properties, a public footpath and public highway.

## **1.3 Tree Preservation Orders and Conservation Areas**

- 1.3.1. The Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012 allows for trees either as groups, or individuals, or as woodlands, to be protected by Tree Preservation Orders (TPO). These have the effect of preventing the cutting down, topping, lopping, uprooting, wilful damage or wilful destruction of trees except in certain circumstances, other than with the consent of the local planning authority.
- 1.3.2. A Conservation Area is an area designated by the Local Planning Authority as one of "special architectural or historic interest, the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance". Special controls exist with regard to demolition and alteration of buildings; Listed Building Consent must also be obtained for any demolition, even if the building is not itself listed. Similarly, trees are given some protection with the requirement for the local authority to be given six weeks written notice before carrying out any work on trees; this gives the authority time to decide if a TPO is necessary.

## **1.4 Drawings and Documents**

- 1.4.1. Drawings have not been provided.

# **2. Report on Site Visit**

## **2.1 General**

- 2.1.1 The site was visited on the 18<sup>th</sup> of September 2023 by Kevin Rodgers. The trees were inspected from ground level using binoculars where necessary.
- 2.1.2. Weather conditions were generally very good with a clear and sunny day with light winds.

## **2.2 Tree Inspection methodology**

- 2.2.1 Trees within the sites were identified and inspected from ground level only and were not climbed. No invasive examination technique (such as increment boring, or internal decay detection) was carried out. As the inspection was visual only, no guarantee, either expressed or implied, of the internal condition of the wood of these trees can be given.
- 2.2.2. Trees included in the completed survey were identified with tree tags attached to the tree at a height between 1.5m and 2m above ground level. Where appropriate areas were identified and trees were

entered as a group.

## 2.3 Data

2.3.1. Each reference number refers to a survey sheet entry completed on site to show the following data:

- Location: The individual property on which the tree is situated
- Tree No.: As related to the tag attached to the corresponding tree
- Common name: The common English name of the tree
- Condition: Any faults or defects observed during the survey
- Recommendations: Advised work to be carried out on the tree or trees
- Time scale (months): Advised timescale in which the recommendations should be carried out
- Age: A classification system has been used within to give a rough estimation on the life stage of the tree. The classifications are as follows:
  - S and EM Saplings and Early Mature, young trees typical under 150mm DBH
  - SM Semi Mature, generally tall slender specimens, yet to increase in girth and crown spread
  - M Mature, approaching maximum height and crown spread
  - OM Over Mature, having reached it's maximum expected size. Some retrenchment can be expected in this stage
- DBH (mm): Diameter at Breast Height, the standard measurement of trunk girth
- Height (m): The height in meters from ground level the upper extent of the canopy
- No. of stems: The number of stems at a height of approximately 1.5m of an individual or group of trees
- Crown spread (m): The distance in meters between the canopy's outermost points

2.3.2. All efforts are made to ensure the information within the survey are consistent and accurate, however errors may occur at times.

2.3.3. Survey sheet entries are shown from page 4 of this report.

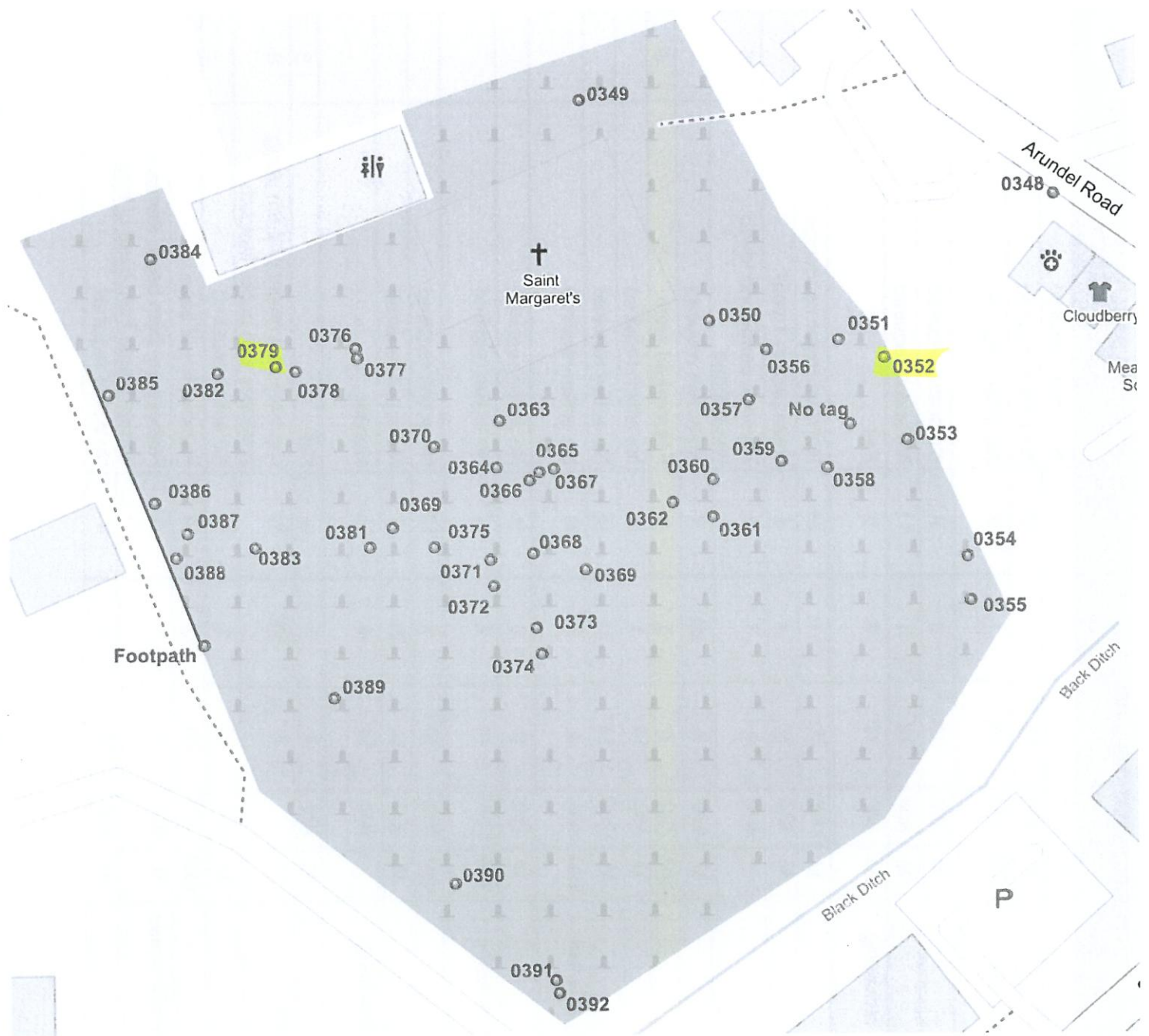
## 3. Arboricultural Standards

- 3.1.1 Implementation of works: Any tree works should be done in accordance with the British Standard Recommendations for Tree work, BS 3998 2010 or as modified by later research. Works should be undertaken by properly qualified and experienced tree contracting company with insurance cover appropriate and adequate for the operations to be undertaken.
- 3.1.2. Climbing irons or spikes should only be used on trees that are being removed. They should not be used whilst pruning trees to be retained.
- 3.1.3. Statutory wildlife implications: Wildlife in this country is afforded protection under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 as amended by the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000. Statutory protection is given to birds, bats and other species that inhabit trees. Tree work is governed by these statutes and advice should be sought from an ecologist before undertaking any works that may constitute an offence.

| Tree ID | Species       | Condition                                                                        | Age | DBH  | Height | No. of stems | Crown spread | Recommendations                                                            | Urgency (months) |
|---------|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|------|--------|--------------|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| 0348    | Birch         | No significant defects                                                           | M   | 800  | 15     | 3            | 8            | Remove ivy at base                                                         | 12               |
| 0349    | Yew           | Reduced vitality in crown. Fungal bracket (possibly meripilus) on dead stem      | OM  | 1200 | 12     | 1            | 13           | Remove deadwood in tips over path. Retain major deadwood. Monitor annually | 6                |
| 0350    | Yew           | Hollowing of trunk but very good vitality throughout crown                       | OM  | 2300 | 12     | 1            | 15           | No action required                                                         |                  |
| 0351    | Yew           | No significant defects                                                           | M   | 1000 | 18     | 1            | 11           | No action required                                                         |                  |
| 0352    | Bay           | Some yellowing of leaves to south. General good vitality                         | M   | 400  | 14     | 3            | 12           | No action required                                                         |                  |
| 0353    | Holly         | 1 dead stem remaining tree in poor condition                                     | SM  | 200  | 9      | 2            | 4            | Fell                                                                       | 3                |
| 0354    | Bay           | No significant defects                                                           | M   | 300  | 7      | 15           | 10           | No action required                                                         |                  |
| 0355    | Ash           | Not currently showing signs of Ash dieback.                                      | M   | 450  | 16     | 1            | 6            | Monitor annually                                                           |                  |
| 0356    | Bay           | Dead stem 1m east of main group                                                  | M   | 250  | 13     | 20           | 10           | Remove dead stem (marked)                                                  | 3                |
| No tag  | Elder         | Very poor condition                                                              | SM  | 50   | 6      | 15           | 4            | Remove                                                                     | 6                |
| 0357    | Yew           | No significant defects                                                           | M   | 800  | 15     | 1            | 12           | No action required                                                         |                  |
| 0358    | Irish yew     | No significant defects                                                           | SM  | 150  | 7      | 30           | 8            | No action required                                                         |                  |
| 0359    | Corsican pine | Major deadwood throughout crown                                                  | M   | 1200 | 20     | 1            | 17           | Remove major deadwood                                                      | 6                |
| 0360    | Yew           | No significant defects                                                           | SM  | 300  | 10     | 8            | 11           | No action required                                                         |                  |
| 0361    | Holly         | Dead stems and stems showing signs of bark necrosis. Poor vitality through crown | SM  | 400  | 10     | 7            | 6            | Remove marked stems                                                        | 6                |
| 0362    | Cherry        | Damage near base, evidence of limbs being removed                                | EM  | 50   | 2      | 3            | 4            | No action required                                                         |                  |
| 0363    | Holly         | No significant defects                                                           | M   | 450  | 16     | 3            | 10           | No action required                                                         |                  |
| 0364    | Holly         | No significant defects                                                           | M   | 400  | 17     | 2            | 6            | No action required                                                         |                  |
| 0365    | Holly         | No significant defects                                                           | SM  | 250  | 16     | 1            | 4            | No action required                                                         |                  |
| 0366    | Yew           | No significant defects                                                           | M   | 500  | 18     | 2            | 6            | No action required                                                         |                  |
| 0367    | Yew           | Low dead branches, not posing risk to public                                     | SM  | 500  | 17     | 8            | 10           | No action required                                                         |                  |
| 0368    | Yew           | No significant defects                                                           | M   | 450  | 16     | 1            | 11           | No action required                                                         |                  |

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|-----------|------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----|------|--------|--------------|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| 0369      | Hawthorn   | No significant defects                                   | M   | 400  | 14     | 1            | 6            | No action required                                               |                  |
| 0370      | Yew        | No significant defects                                   | M   | 800  | 15     | 1            | 10           | No action required                                               |                  |
| 0371      | Yew        | Branch stubs remain from previously removed branches     | SM  | 500  | 14     | 1            | 6            | No action required                                               |                  |
| 0372      | Holly      | No significant defects                                   | M   | 300  | 16     | 3            | 9            | No action required                                               |                  |
| 0373      | Yew        | No significant defects                                   | M   | 600  | 16     | 1            | 11           | No action required                                               |                  |
| 0374      | Holly      | Dead stem and poor vitality in remaining crown           | M   | 400  | 12     | 3            | 5            | Fell                                                             | 3                |
| 0375      | Scots pine | Dead limbs within crown                                  | M   | 1100 | 20     | 1            | 24           | Remove major deadwood                                            | 6                |
| 0376      | Holly      | Poor vitality in crown                                   | M   | 400  | 12     | 4            | 8            | Reassess in 1 year                                               |                  |
| 0377      | Euonymus   | Deadwood in crown                                        |     | 400  | 5      | 1            | 5            | Remove deadwood loved headstones                                 | 6                |
| 0378      | Irish yew  | No significant defects                                   | M   | 100  | 9      | 20           | 5            | No action required                                               |                  |
| 0379      | Holly      | Dead main stem                                           | SM  | 250  | 8      | 3            | 4            | Fell marked stem                                                 | 6                |
| 0380      | Holly      | No significant defects                                   | M   | 450  | 14     | 1            | 4            | No action required                                               |                  |
| 0381      | Yew        | No significant defects                                   | M   | 1200 | 14     | 11           | 15           | No action required                                               |                  |
| 0382      | Euonymus   | Decay in main stem but structure is self supported       | OM  | 300  | 4      | 8            | 8            | No action required                                               |                  |
| 0383      | Yew        | No significant defects                                   | M   | 450  | 6      | 2            | 9            | No action required                                               |                  |
| 0384      | Yew        | Minor decay at base. Main stems fused together           | OM  | 1100 | 13     | 4            | 12           | No action required                                               |                  |
| 0385      | Sycamore   | No action required                                       | OM  | 700  | 20     | 3            | 12           | No action required                                               |                  |
| 0386      | Bay        | No significant defects                                   | M   | 300  | 14     | 20           | 8            | No action required                                               |                  |
| 0387      | Sycamore   | Main stems fused to 2m, possible decay within fuse point |     | 900  | 18     | 4            | 15           | Monitor                                                          |                  |
| 0388      | Cherry     | Dead                                                     | M   | 400  | 3      | 1            | 4            | Fell                                                             | 3                |
| Foot path | Various    | Vegetation over hanging footpath                         | M   |      | 5      | 100          | 50           | Cut back to a height of 2.5m along boundary with public footpath | 6                |
| 0389      | Walnut     | No significant defects                                   | M   | 650  | 14     | 1            | 14           | No action required                                               |                  |
| 0390      | Thuja      | No significant defects                                   | OM  | 1500 | 26     | 3            | 14           | Remove ivy at base                                               | 12               |
| 0391      | Thuja      | Garden waste at base of tree could cause decay           | M   | 600  | 21     | 1            | 4            | Remove ivy from base. Remove garden waste from base of tree      | 12               |
| 0392      | Thuja      | No significant defects                                   | M   | 400  | 20     | 1            | 4            | No action required                                               |                  |





Site plan



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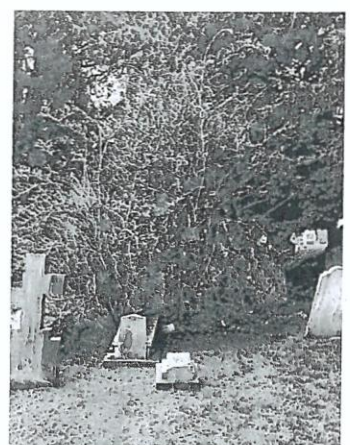
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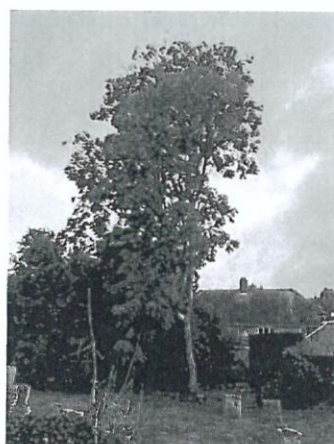
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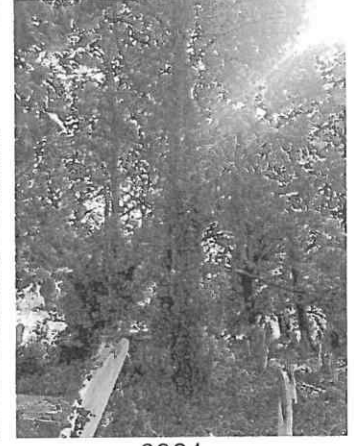
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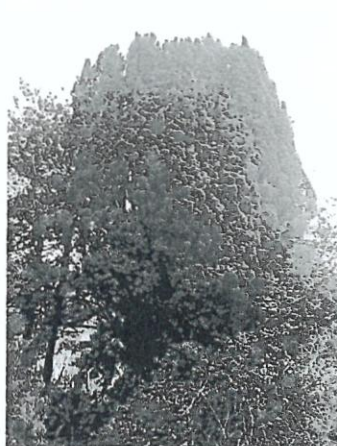
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