

Tree maintenance works

BACKGROUND

- We instruct an independent arboriculturist to undertake tree surveys on Town Council land.
- Every two years the trees at Clement Corner (Crown & Cushion), Grovers Garden, Lion Green, Town Meadow, St Christopher's Green, Woodcock Green, the three allotment sites, and the embankment at Sturt Road are surveyed (half the sites one year, and half the next plus any trees to be re-inspected).
- This year Clammer Hill and Collards Lane allotments & St Christopher's Green were surveyed, and trees at Lion Green, Town Meadow & Woodcock Green had to be re-inspected.
- As an overview, the surveyor marks the trees in the report as follows:-

- Essential safety 1 month

- Essential maintenance 6 months

- Routine maintenance 12 months

- Fell to ground level

-Reinspect 1-3 years

- All trees marked 'essential safety 1 month' have been dealt with.
- Quotes have been obtained for essential work 6 months

| Location | £ |
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| Clammer Hill | £400 |
| Collards Lane | £2,000 |
| St C Green | £450 |
| Woodcock Green | £1,000 |
| Total | £3,850 |

• This will exceed the tree budget for 23/24 as there is £1,250 left in the budget, so we recommend:

<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> Clammer Hill & Collards Lane allotment work comes out of allotment EMR

RECOMMENDATION: Woodcock Green comes out of the tree budget

RECOMMENDATION: St Christopher's Green comes out of the remaining tree budget and the balance

from the ad hoc ground maintenance budget

Quotes have been obtained for the routine maintenance work - 12 months

| Collards Lane | £1,000 |
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• **RECOMMENDATION**: This work is added to the tree maintenance budget for 2024/2025