

Tree Condition Survey

The Spinney and Parkland

Report prepared for Tattenhall Parish Council

1.0 Instruction

- 1.1 Amenity Tree Care visited the site on 6th May 2020 to carry out a tree condition survey of all trees within the boundaries of the Spinney and adjoining parkland.

2.0 Report Limitations

- 2.1 The inspection has been carried out from ground level only, using visual observation methods as this is a preliminary report as requested by the client, should a more detailed inspection be required then this will be highlighted in the recommendations.
- 2.2 Trees are living organisms whose health and condition can change rapidly, the health, condition and safety of trees should be checked on a regular basis, preferably at least once a year. The conclusions and recommendations in this report are only valid for a period of six months from the date of this report. This period of validity may be reduced in the case of any change in conditions to or in proximity to the tree.
- 2.3 I have contacted Chester West and Chester planning department who have confirmed that the site is located within the Tattenhall Conservation Area and that several trees are protected by individual and group Tree Preservation Orders. It will be necessary to obtain consent (or in the case of a Conservation Area give six weeks' notice of intent) before undertaking any such work.
- 2.4 Any legal descriptions or information given to the consultant are understood to be accurate.
- 2.5 No responsibility is assumed by Amenity Tree Care Ltd for legal matters that may arise from this report and the consultant shall not be required to give testimony or to attend court unless subsequent contractual arrangements are made.
- 2.6 Any alteration or deletion from this report will invalidate it as a whole and the conclusions of this report will remain valid for six months from the date of the inspection.
- 2.7 The responsibility for any work undertaken on the surveyed trees rests with the land managers.

3.0 The Purpose of the report

3.1 To prepare a clear set of report recommendations following the single tree inspection and to facilitate proper consideration of tree condition and report on the following:

- Safe condition and health of the trees
- Make recommendations regarding any future management needs

4.0 Technical Data

4.1 No technical data has been provided for the survey.

5.0 Methodology and data collection

5.1 The site was visited as indicated above and the tree was assessed visually utilising the Visual Tree Assessment methodology.

5.2 Trees have been assessed with general regard to condition, health and structural suitability and commented upon in the report.

5.3 Recommendations for remedial works (Management Recommendations) have been provided on the basis of current condition.

5.4 Only trees identified as requiring works to mitigate any risk identified (e.g. partial or whole tree failure) by the surveyor have been included within this survey.

6.0 Findings

6.1 Please refer to the tree survey schedule and report plans detailing tree location and work recommendations.

7.0 Recommendations (Re-inspection)

7.1 I recommend that a formal inspection is undertaken every 2yrs by a qualified arboriculturist.

8.0 Disclaimer

8.1 This report is for the sole use of the above-named client and refers to only those trees identified within; use by any other person(s) in attempting to apply its contents for any other purpose renders the report invalid for that purpose.

Tree/Group No.	Common Name	Age	Stem Diameter(mm)	Stem No.	Height(m)	Avg. Crown Spread (m)	Comments	Recommendations	Priority timeframe for the completion of tree work
T1	Ash	M	900	1	18	14	<p>The tree is leaning towards the public footpath (Millennium Mile) and the wild flower meadow.</p> <p>The tree was surveyed in 2013 and 2015 and The tree has responded well to the pruning that was carried out in 2018 exhibiting a normal leaf density and no decline was evident following the crown reduction.</p> <p>The tree has recently lost a large branch in the upper crown which landed in the rough ground below the crown of the tree. The significant reduction in the height and spread of the tree has ensured that no branches will reach the public footpath.</p> <p>There have been no significant changes in the structural condition of the tree particularly in the area where the Ganoderma australe fruiting bodies are present on the west side of the stem.</p>	Reinspect tree within 3yrs form the date of survey.	N/A
T2	Common Alder	M	700	1	18	8	<p>Veteran alder tree growing on the edge of the small stream that runs through the park. The tree is showing signs of decline with several large dead branches visible in the upper tree crown. The dead branches are up to 6m in length and 200mm in diameter.</p> <p>The area below the tree is rough ground that precludes access to the area below the tree.</p>	Reinspect tree within 3yrs form the date of survey.	N/A
T3	Common Alder	M	700	1	12	6	<p>The tree is situated close to the small wooden bridge that crosses the stream. The tree is a veteran alder with a large open cavity on the northeast side of the stem. The cavity is approximately 2m high with a 20cm opening at the top that widens to 50cm at the base of the tree. The cavity was probed to a depth of 1m at the base of the tree.</p> <p>The tree has a very small crown when compared to the large stem ratio.</p>	Reinspect tree within 3yrs form the date of survey.	N/A
G1	Willow, Ash, Oak	SM-M	175-800	1	4	4	<p>Low branches from the crack willow and ash trees are obstructing the public footpath and a small windblown willow tree is leaning over the footpath.</p>	Crown lift all low branches over the public footpath to a height of 3m above ground level.	13Wks



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