

# TATTENHALL & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

## Tree Policy

### Introduction

Trees help to add variety to our landscape and provide valuable habitats for many species while providing us with cleaner, filtered air. Tattenhall & District Parish Council aims to preserve Tattenhall's trees for future generations to enjoy.

Tattenhall & District Parish Council owns and is responsible for number of trees on land know as Barnfields, Glebe Meadow and The Spinney.

Cheshire West and Chester Council (CW&C) generally own trees on highways verges, public parks and open spaces.

The Parish Council takes seriously its obligation to maintain and preserve the trees it is responsible for and employs qualified specialist to undertake a tree survey every two years of all its trees and undertakes the works recommended.

### Work that Sutton Bridge Parish Council will carry out on Parish Council Owned Trees.

In maintaining our trees, we will:

- Remove dead, dying and dangerous trees
- Remove dangerous and damaged limbs

It is our policy to survey our trees on a regular basis, but if trees require work under this section, members of the public should contact the Council by emailing [tattenhallpc@outlook.com](mailto:tattenhallpc@outlook.com) or in an emergency call 01948 861035. The trees will be inspected and if works are required this will be programmed as necessary

### Works to Parish Council Owned Trees,

Tattenhall and District Parish Council will not undertake works or fund works on trees unless they have been identified as dangerous or in a poor condition by a qualified arboriculturist and reserves the right to ask the Council's own specialist to review the report and tree or trees in question if produced by another body.

The Parish Council has no obligation to carry out the following tree works:

- Cut back branches overhanging private property.
- 'Top' trees or remove branches to increase daylight or decrease height in relation to property.
- Remove branches or trees affecting views or interfering with TV reception.
- Remove branches or trees to prevent falling leaves, honeydew from aphids or other minor debris.
- Remove roots from drains or repair root damage to structures, where the tree has not been clearly demonstrated to be the principle cause.
- Remove branches or trees to prevent potential root damage to structures.
- Remove branches nearly touching buildings, walls, roofs, fences etc.
- Remove branches or trees to prevent access to squirrels or birds.

Common Law rights allow you to remove tree branches that cross over your boundary without the need to seek your owner's permission.

You do not need to get permission from Tattenhall and District Parish Council before carrying out any upkeep, as long as it is limited to the pruning of side branches back to the boundary line. However, the Parish Council asks that you notify us if you are planning to remove any significant branches which overhang your boundary.

It is your responsibility to dispose of all removed branches.

Before undertaking any works, you should check the tree or trees in question are not protected and as such will require permission from CW&C by using the below link:

<https://maps.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/cwac/webmapping>

Tattenhall and District Parish Council will generally look to grant permission for works to be undertaken on council property if required so long as the details of the works to be undertaken are submitted in advance and are undertaken by an appropriate person.

Tattenhall & District Parish Council does not undertake works on privately owned trees.

**Adopted:**

**Date of Review:**