



Itchen Valley Parish Council

Itchen Valley Parish Council Tree Management Policy – 1st Draft

Itchen Valley Parish Council is committed to protecting its arboricultural heritage through the positive management of trees on land managed and owned by the Parish Council within the Itchen Valley Parish Boundary.

Itchen Valley Parish Council has a duty of care to manage its trees. To assist with routine management Itchen Valley Parish Council has adopted a tree inspection and management policy which includes the prioritising of trees into three main risk groups.

LOW RISK:

Low Risk Locations: such as areas where there is little or no public access or regular human activity. Regular routine inspections are not required

MEDIUM RISK

Medium Risk Locations: Such as trees which are located close to informal paths will be inspected every (enter number) of years.

HIGH RISK

High Risk Locations: Areas of High Public Use: including but not limited to trees which overhang residential neighbour's properties, car parks, recreation grounds, play areas or well frequented paths. These trees will be inspected (enter number)/annually.

Provision has been made for the routine inspection of trees with our Grounds Maintenance Contractor/Tree Surgeon with an obligation for the Contractor to report any and all concerns to the Parish Council regarding any tree for which it is responsible. A system has been put in place for the public to notify the Parish Council of any damage to trees seen in the area.

Appropriate data from the inspections will be kept, risk assessments made, and any further action required be taken in line with current legislation summarised below.



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'The civil law the owner of the land on which a tree stands, together with any party who has control over the tree's management, owes a duty of care at common law to all people who might be injured by the tree. The duty of care is to take reasonable care to avoid acts or omissions that cause a reasonably foreseeable risk of injury to persons or property.'

(Source: Common Sense Risk Management of Trees, National Tree Safety Group)

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