

# Tree inspections

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We have a 5-year inspection of trees on parish council land done by a professional tree inspector. Any recommendations from the inspection report are actioned.

There are statutory responsibilities that go along with land ownership and on public authorities looking after trees and open spaces. (See Background Information).

A previous contractor used by the council used to keep a regular eye on parish council trees and flagged up action required. This no longer happens. There is a potential risk that any damage to trees particularly following storms is not picked up.

We are therefore proposing that we commission an annual visual assessment of all our trees, to see if any further works (not identified in the 5-year inspection) are required.

This is likely to cost approximately £160 (this year).

### Background information

Management of the risk from falling trees or branches - FOI – HSE:  
[https://www.hse.gov.uk/foi/internalops/sims/ag\\_food/010705.htm](https://www.hse.gov.uk/foi/internalops/sims/ag_food/010705.htm)

Arboriculture and Forestry: Health and Safety Resources  
<https://www.hse.gov.uk/treework/resources/index.htm>

### Recommendation

- That council considers whether to go with an annual tree assessment. To be funded from the Open Space Maintenance budget.