

Tree Warden report March 2025

There is nothing new to report but a few issues to resolve.

Firstly, it was reported in January that a new tree survey was needed which happened every 5 years. I duly contacted the specialist who did the work before, got a quote which was accepted – minute 25/124.6. I also spent quite some time answering questions on the suitability, qualifications and experience of Sarah Kiss, the specialist. However, an order has not yet been placed and I am concerned that this lack of action may mean the work cannot be done.

The main work to the Battery was agreed in October – minute 25/65.5 and detailed in a subsequent actions list as closed. However, the day before this work was to be done I contacted Merritts who told me they has received no instructions. This has now been corrected and a date of April 15 is proposed. The road (OBRs) has to be closed for a time and the council has been contacted. There is quite a cost associated with such a closure. Apparently for an event this is done for free but if it is a matter of safety we have to pay (although I can no longer find the emails which refer to this subject). I am not sure now who is doing what and indeed whether this agreed work can go ahead.

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