

Tree Warden report December 2025

You will have seen the quite detailed tree survey which contained a lot of suggested actions. What I proposed in September has not been followed. The clerk sent this survey to 4 companies back in October. I was not consulted.

Three companies have replied with offers:

ARB solute: £4920

HW trees £1296

Merritts £3120

I am unable to compare the quotes or give advice as they are so different. The tree survey suggested work that might be spread over a number of years rather than all done at once. I support that position. I only know Merritts so cannot comment on the other companies that have quoted. My advice would be to exercise caution and this work is not definitive as we might all know from our own gardens.

I understand Merritts have done the earlier work requested but I have yet to see the area and have no feedback from those directly involved (Martin Keys who originally asked for this to be done in the wildlife area).

My recommendations would be that we allocate in our annual budget a sum for tree works and suggest £2000 is appropriate. Then we could decide what to do. I would also advise that as trees are living, the situation can change and we should always have a reserve in place in case for example a big storm occurs.

Tony Gaster 8th December 2025