
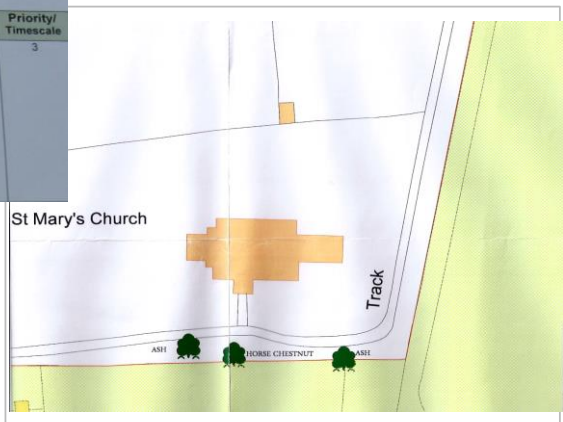


<b>PROJECT:</b> Church Yard Trees - Maintenance	<b>Site/Location:</b> St Marys Church Woodditton	Identification of Risks to Health & Safety and Identify Mitigation
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<b>Hazard Type:</b> General	<b>Site Type:</b> Public access way from Vicarage Lane to St Marys Church entrance
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**Introductory Narrative:** During 2015 the Parish Council appointed a tree specialist who carried out an inspection and prepared a report on the condition and graded necessary maintenance of trees within the enclosed church yard, which are the responsibility of the Council to maintain. The report concluded that one mature Ash tree had evidence of minor disease and that one bow which extended over the public access way would likely require further inspection and possible reduction in the next 2 - 5 years. The Tree was inspected by councillors Eileen Bullock and Robin Sharp on Friday 24 June 2016 and was found to appear healthy and sound, being in full leaf and apparently quite healthy. (See Photograph below). The assessment below highlights any suggested further risk identification and mitigation.

	Specific Hazard Details	Risk Rating*			Suggested Control Measures	Residual Risk Rating*		
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1	Fracture of large bow situated over church public access way, during storm or high winds and consequent falling onto church access way before, during or after church service or activity times.	3	4	12	Inspect periodically and report to council plus commission tree specialist to carry out professional inspection and report preparation during autumn 2017.	2	2	4
2	Risk of entire tree contracting disease which causes it to fall during high winds.	2	4	8	As above, commission professional tree specialist to inspect again in autumn 2017 and report on condition with recommendations for any necessary maintenance. - Council to then follow recommendations and commission any maintenance required to maintain public and property	1	4	4
3	Risk of any of the remaining trees within the enclosed church yard breaking bows or falling during high winds or storms and causing injury to church attendees.	2	2	4	Regular inspection by councillors when attending the church and professional inspection and report preparation once every 4 - 5 years.	1	1	1

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<p><b>Notes:</b>The picture on the left shows the Ash tree No4 and the large branch overhanging the church access track. The text above is an extract of from the Urban Forestry report dated 15.07.15. The Works recommendations are a 2m shortening of the large branch overhanging the track within the next few years. The plan on the right shows the large Ash tree sitting within the enclosed churchyard and falling under the parish council responsibility.</p>														

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Risk ratings *	<b>LIKELIHOOD</b> (ie likelihood of accident occurring NOT of harm resulting)		<b>SEVERITY</b> (ie probable outcome of incident)		<b>Page</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>of</b>	<b>2</b>
	0	Highly improbable	3	Likely	1	Slight - "First-aid" injuries or illness	4	Major - broken limbs, fractured skull, major burns
1	Very unlikely	4	Very likely	2	Minor - Less than 3 days off work	5	Catastrophic - fatality or permanent disability	