Tree Survey 2023

ORCHARD MEADOW (TOLPUDDLE)

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1. Introduction

Hinton Forestry was commissioned to carry out a tree survey on behalf of Puddletown Parish Council. The tree risk survey was completed by TreeWise on behalf of Hinton Forestry in relation to tree health and management recommendations, safety to the general public, and outlining any proposed remedial works. The site visit was carried out on the 14th December 2023, with only a ground based inspection of trees being carried.

2. The Site

2.1 Description of the site

The areas inspected include the area named “Orchard Meadow”

2.2 Weather conditions

The weather conditions during the visit were dry for the duration of the survey.

3. The Trees

3.1 Unless expressed otherwise 1) information contained within this report covers only those items that were examined and reflects the condition of those items at the times of inspection; and 2) the inspection is limited to visual examination of accessible items. There is no warranty or guarantee, expressed or implied, that problems or deficiencies of the plant or property in question may not arise in the future.

3.2 Trees are living organisms whose health and condition can change rapidly, the health, condition, and safety of trees should be checked on a regular basis, preferably at least once in a 12 month period. The conclusions and recommendations in this report are only valid for a period of 12 months from the date of this report. This period of validity may be reduced in the case of any change in conditions to or in proximity to the tree.

3.3 The trees have been assessed by walking along the above-mentioned area. All information was collected by carrying out a Visual Tree Assessment (VTA). The trees were not tagged during the survey, however, most trees were sprayed marked to facilitate the finding of their location as follows: a cross for all trees to be removed and a circle for any other arboricultural remedial work. A number of the trees located further up the bank were not sprayed due to access. Accurate plotting of the trees has resulted in them being easily identifiable from the Tree Reference Plan.

3.4 Maintenance Work Recommendations

All recommendations can be found in the action plan provided.

All tree work should be carried out in accordance with British standard BS3998 (2010) - Recommendations for tree works.

The statutory protection will be adhered to (Wildlife and Countryside Act, 1981) (Countryside and Rights of Way Act, 2000). If further advice is required, particularly if bats are discovered during tree work, it will be obtained from Natural England or other competent person and recommendation adhered to.

3.5 Monitoring

It is recommended that the trees be re-inspected within 18 months from the date of the site visit. As a tree grows and environmental conditions alter and change, the monitoring of the tree stock is essential.

4.0 Defining Tree Works

Crown cleaning: this is a health and safety trim to remove deadwood (as specified below), diseased and dying wood, broken or split branches and crossing or rubbing branches.

Crown reduction**:** this means a reduction of the crown size in all directions to leave a balanced branch structure. It is a complete crown treatment and not just a reduction in height without dealing with side branches. It is normally specified as a meterage and refers to the branch proportion to be removed in relation to the total branch length from tip to trunk.

Deadwood removal: this means removal of all deadwood from the tree canopy categorised as Major deadwood = 50 mm diameter or above and Minor Deadwood =

up to 50 mm diameter unless otherwise stated. Cuts will be made to the nearest appropriate pruning position.

Fell to ground level: tree is either felled or dismantled in sections and disposed of as directed. The main stump of the tree is left in the ground and cut off as close to soil level as possible without further digging.

Raise low canopy: removal of the lowest branches which effectively increases the height of the main crown above ground level. All the remaining branches will normally be above the height specified in metres.

5.0 References Material

A companion to British Arboriculture 2016 http://www.treeterms.co.uk/
Forestry Commission 2018 https://www.forestry.gov.uk/
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Slater, Dr D. (2016). Assessment of Tree Forks Course Notes– Assessment of Junctions for Risk Management. Arboricultural Association.
Watson, G. (2013). Tree Pest and Diseases, an Arborist's Field Guide. Arboricultural Association. Watson, G. & Green, T. (2011). Fungi on Trees, an Arborist's Field Guide.

8.0 Disclaimers

8.1 This tree risk assessment has been undertaken by visual inspection from ground level at Orchard Meadow. These are purely visual assessments of these trees.

8.2 No technical survey equipment was utilised, in order to carry out the assessments except a diameter tape, hypsometer, mallet and probe. The same methodology was applied to all the trees (i.e. an assessment was made starting at the base of each tree and moving up the stem into the crown, along with an assessment of the canopy being made via viewing the tree at distance and from underneath the canopy).

8.3 All assessments were carried out from ground level. Decay detection tests have not been undertaken as this fell outside the scope of this report.

8.4 This report, based on the survey, contains a suggested timescale for remedial works to be undertaken from the date of the survey at The Coombe. In the expert opinion of the author these times scales should be adhered to.

8.5 Care has been taken to obtain all information from reliable sources. All data has been verified insofar as possible; however, the surveyor can neither guarantee nor be responsible for the accuracy of information provided by others.

8.6 This report is for the sole use of the above named client and refers to only those trees identified within; alteration or use by any other(s) in attempting to apply its contents for any other purpose renders the report null and void.

8.7 Any legal description provided to the consultant is assumed to be correct. Any titles and ownership to any property are assumed to be good and marketable. No responsibility is assumed in character.

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8.9 The local planning authority (LPA) has not been contacted to determine whether any Tree Preservation Order (TPO) covers the tree, nor to determine if the site is a Conservation Area. Before undertaking any work to the tree, it would be advisable to check whether either of these planning controls are in operation; if they are, it would be necessary to obtain consent (or in case of a Conservation Area give six weeks' notice of intent) before undertaking any such work.

9.0 Declaration

I hereby confirm that this tree risk assessment and report was undertaken and completed by,

TreeWise Surveys On Behalf Of: Hinton Forestry

Tree Ref	Tree Species	H (m)	Spr (m	Maturity	Condition	Action Recommendations	Priority	Done	Inspected
T1	Laurel			M					14 - Dec - 23
T2	Group (Mixed)			S/M					14 - Dec - 23
T3	Group (Mixed)			S/M		Crown Lift		N	14 - Dec - 23
T4	Group (Mixed)			S/M		Crown Lift		N	14 - Dec - 23
T5	Boundary Hedges			S/M		Trim 6 Monthly Intervals		N	14 - Dec - 23
Age Classification	S/M - Semi Mature								
	M - Mature								
	O/M - Over Mature								

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