



Much Marcle Parish Council
c/o Mrs R Freestone, Clerk
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Ref: 18316
(*please quote*)

Dear Mrs Freestone

Re: Tree Safety Survey

Further to your recent instruction I have pleasure in submitting the following report.

REPORT

1.0 BRIEF

Carry out general health and condition survey of all trees at The Bartons and The Memorial Tree at The Slip Tavern junction, Much Marcle and make recommendations for the immediate safety and long term management.

All trees on the site to be inspected, any found to require attention to be listed in report and categorized:

- 1 Urgent, as soon as practical
- 2 Safety within 6 months
- 3 Safety, remedial within 12 months
- 4 Monitor

2.0 REPORT LIMITATIONS

- 2.1 The inspection has been carried out from ground level using only visual observation methods as this is a preliminary report. Should a more detailed inspection be required then this will be highlighted in the recommendations. A climbing inspection was not undertaken, therefore possible defects to the upper sides of the branches were not detected from ground level.



- 2.2 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 a year. The conclusions and recommendations in this report are only valid for a period of one year. The period of validity may be reduced in the case of a change of conditions to or in proximity to the tree.
- 2.3 I have not contacted the local planning authority to determine whether any Tree Preservations Orders (TPO) cover the trees, nor to determine if the site is in a Conservation Area. 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 the case of a Conservation Area give six weeks notice of intent) before undertaking any work. In the event of tree felling it may be necessary to obtain a licence before commencement of work.
- 2.4 This report does not deal with the effect trees and vegetation may have or have had on the structural integrity of property and the possibility of structural movement, subsidence and heave.
- 2.5 No investigation was made into the presence of any protected species in the trees surveyed. Before any works commence, this must be undertaken.

3.0 THE TREES

THE BARTONS

<i>Tree No 1</i>	Turkey Oak
<i>Condition:</i>	Major dead wood overhanging playing field. Dead wood a result of natural suppression; common with this species.
<i>Recommendation:</i>	Remove major dead wood liable to fall onto playing area.
<i>Category:</i>	2

MEMORIAL TREE AT SLIP TAVERN JUNCTION

<i>Tree No 2</i>	Oak within the road junction triangle
<i>Condition:</i>	No major physical defects observed. No fruiting bodies associated with decay. Minor dead wood; considered 'low risk' to the public.
<i>Recommendation:</i>	No safety works required.



4.0 GENERAL COMMENTS

THE BARTONS

The young Oak at the west end nearest the school has recently suffered damage to the base of the tree. It is highly likely this is as a result of mower damage.

The trees have been regularly maintained in the past. Lower branches have been removed to prevent encroachment on the playing area. No other necessary safety or remedial works were found.

Yours sincerely

ADRIAN HOPE