

3rd May 2024

Dear Jane,

Vicars Wood, Nettleham – tree safety survey

Thank you for instructing me to carry out the tree safety survey for Vicars Wood.

Please find the accompanying report, map and invoice.

The tree survey report primarily highlights the issues I have identified in relation to tree safety, and makes recommendations to mitigate the associated risk.

I have made comment in some cases where a tree has a feature of interest; for example has an unusual form.

I did not find any tree that, in my opinion, presents a need for removal.

There has been some good management of coppice Hazel and ground flora in the wood. I found several planted fruit bushes which might reflect the historical use of the area, but may in the long term may compete with ground flora. I would suggest that such planting is discouraged in future.

The size ranges I use in the report:

S1 to 5m, S2 5-10m, S3 10-15m, S4 15-20m and S5 over 20m

OHB's means overhanging branches

The tree work I have recommended should be carried out by a competent and insured tree surgeon.

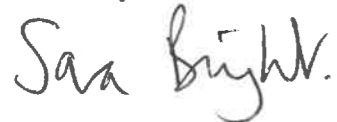
As with any tree there cannot be a guarantee that the trees will not fail in the event of exceptional conditions, e.g. a violent storm.

It is regarded as good practice to survey your trees every 3 years; this will ensure you can demonstrate you are managing your trees and fulfil your obligations under the Occupiers Liability Act, provided you carry out any recommended tree work in the report.

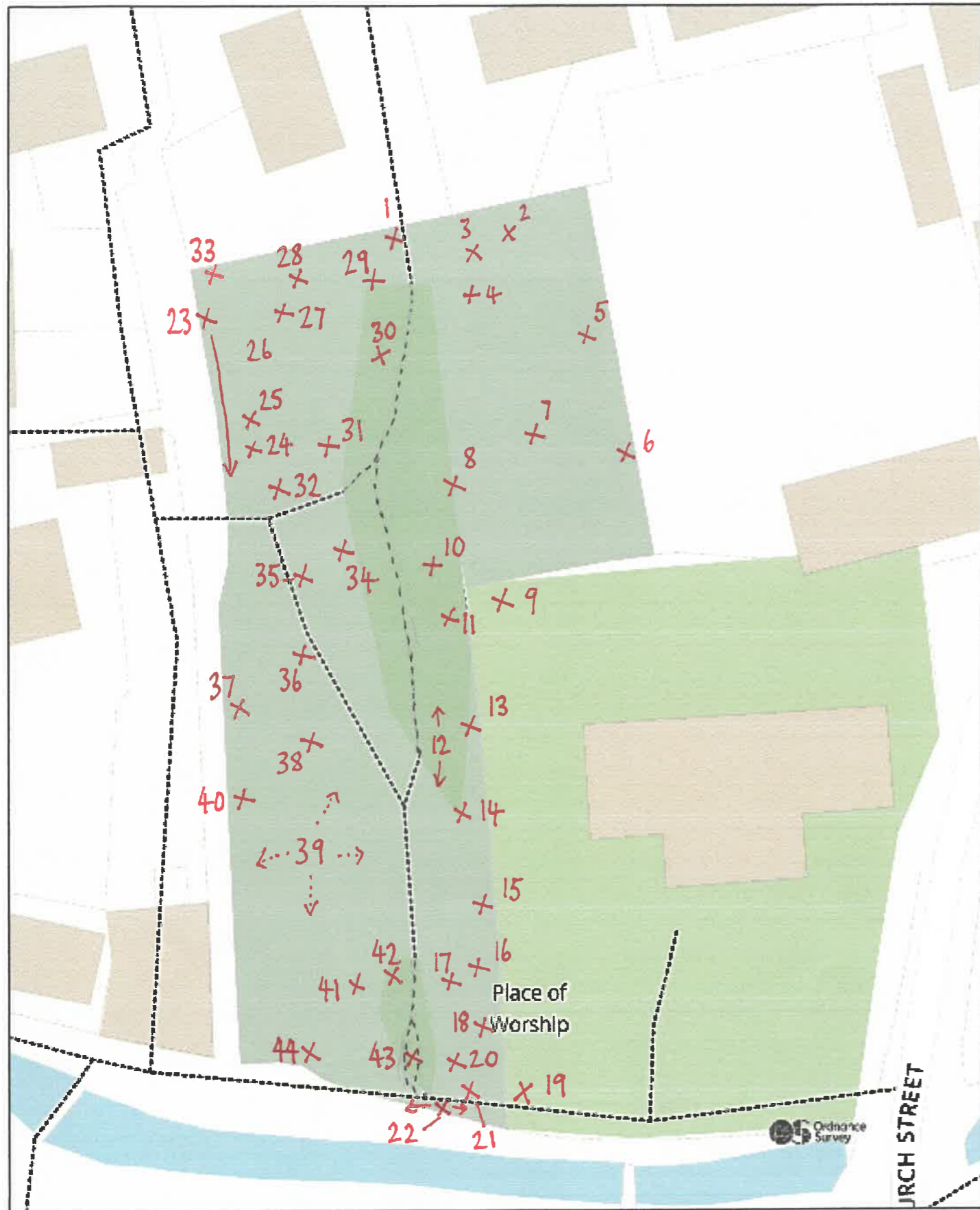
Please contact me if you have any queries.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,



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Vicars Wood, Nettleham
 Lincolnshire
Tree safety survey
 19th & 21st April 2024





Vicars Wood, Nettleham, Lincoln

Tree no	Size band	Species	Age class	Condition/ notes	Work required	Priority	Risk category - Nettleham PC
1	S1	mixed	mature	group of shrubs near the entrance path, including Hawthorn, self-set Elder and Prunus, in rather poor condition; failing stems, OHB's to path	coppice marked stems - at approx 0.3m, to regenerate	3 months	
2	S4	Fraxinus excelsior Ash	mature	appears to be in moderate condition; unknown Ash dieback disease status, poor pruning in past - some decayed pruning wounds, high OHB's to neighbour - not actionable	no action		
3	S4	Acer pseudoplatanus Sycamore	mature	2 trees in moderate condition, minor deadwood, active rookery in both, some ivy on stem, a long branch from T2 is rubbing on one branch	no action		
4	S2	Prunus species (probably cerasifera)	mature	tree in poor condition; unbalanced crown, starting to fail to path	pollard at marked point	3 months	
5	S4	Fraxinus excelsior Ash	mature	appears to be in moderate condition, unknown ADD status, slender stem and poor form	no action		
6	S4	Fagus sylvatica Beech	mature	specimen tree in moderate condition, has been pollarded in past, some deadwood including over neighbour, stem is sound	remove deadwood above neighbours garden	3 months	
7	S4	Acer pseudoplatanus Sycamore	semi mature	in moderate condition but poor pruning in past, biforcates at 1.6m, rookery in crown	no action		
8	S4	Acer platanoides Norway maple	mature	moderate condition	no action		
9	S5	Acer pseudoplatanus Variegated sycamore	mature	specimen tree in churchyard, appears to be in moderate condition, biforcates at 2m, high and long OHB's to Vicars Wood - low risk	no action		
10	S3	Acer pseudoplatanus Variegated sycamore	mature	in moderate condition, but poor form as suppressed	no action		
11	S4	Acer campestre Field maple	mature	in moderate condition, minor deadwood	no action		
12	S2	mixed	mature	area of scrub - mostly over-mature Dogwood, Elder, Prunus, other shrub species, some stems growing out to path	prune to clear path, suggest some coppicing of shrub species in winter to regenerate	3 months	
13	S5	Acer pseudoplatanus Sycamore	mature	in moderate condition, biforcates at 2.5m, ivy on stem, high OHB's to churchyard, rookery in crown	sever ivy	6 months	
14	S2	Taxus baccata Yew	mature	in moderate condition but being suppressed by T13 and shrubs	suggest some pruning of tree and shrubs to open up Yew for long term benefit	6 months	
15	S4	Acer pseudoplatanus Sycamore	mature	in moderate condition, rather poor form, minor deadwood, high OHB's to churchyard	no action		
16	S5	Quercus robur Oak	mature	specimen tree in moderate condition, 'clean' stem, some low target deadwood, some poor pruning wounds, OHB's to church floodlight, rookery in crown	prune back overhanging branches to clear light if required	3 months	
17	S2	Yew and Holly	mature	in moderate condition, probably remnant planting of churchyard	no action		
18	S5	Acer pseudoplatanus Sycamore	mature	in moderate condition, some epicormic growth - from old wound or stem removal, minor deadwood, some OHB's to churchyard and floodlight, rookery in crown	prune back overhanging branches to clear light if required	3 months	
19	S5	Aesculus hippocastanum Horse chestnut	mature	significant specimen tree in churchyard, low risk to Vicars Wood	no action		

20	S2	mixed	mature	group of trees and shrubs at south end of wood, including one small Prunus with snapped branch and stem decay (& pigeon nest), Hazel, Hawthorn, Elder, in moderate condition, minor deadwood	no action		
21	S4	Ailanthus altissima Tree of Heaven	mature	specimen tree near fence, in moderate condition, poor pruning in past resulting in poor form; 3 main stems, has been suppressed too, stem burl at 3.5m, 2 small branch failure scars	no action		
22	S2	Taxus baccata Yew	mature	group of 3 trees on path side of fence, ownership unclear, in moderate condition, some low twiggy branches to path, some epicormic growth, minor deadwood, roots causing minor lifting of tarmac, the trees add interesting character to the path and entrance to Vicars Wood	suggest some light pruning to give approx 2.2m clearance of path	3 months	
23	S2	Elder	over mature	group of self-set trees along the fence and both sides of the entrance path, in rather poor condition; some stems growing out over fence to path, and neighbours fence, some ivy clad and failing stems, OHB's to path, with some Prunus stems, will become a nuisance along boundary fence	coppice biggest stems next to fence and both sides of entrance, at approx 0.3m, to regenerate - approx 7 multi-stemmed trees	6 months	
24	S4	Acer pseudoplatanus Sycamore	mature	in moderate condition, was twin-stemmed but one stem removed, some epicormic growth from old wound, minor deadwood	no action		
25	S3	Acer pseudoplatanus Sycamore	mature	in moderate condition, but suppressed by T24, has been pruned back from street light	no action		
26	S2	mixed	mature	group of trees and shrubs north of path and triangle, including Hazel and Elder and planted Oaks, in moderate condition, some good coppice stools developing	suggest prune to favour the planted Oaks	1 year	
27	S4	Acer pseudoplatanus Sycamore	mature	in moderate condition, bifurcates at 4m, minor deadwood	no action		
28	S4	Fraxinus excelsior Ash	mature	appears to be in moderate condition; unknown ADD status, minor deadwood, high OHB's to neighbour, active rookery in crown	no action		
29	S4	Fraxinus excelsior Ash	mature	appears to be in moderate condition; unknown ADD status, some deadwood including small hanger above path - low risk, active rookery in crown	no action		
30	S3	Acer pseudoplatanus Sycamore	mature	in moderate condition	no action		
31	S5	Acer pseudoplatanus Sycamore	mature	in moderate condition, minor deadwood	no action		
32	S4	Juglans regia Walnut	mature	probably the oldest tree in Vicars Wood, does have some veteran features; small branch cavities and bark splits, rather poor form, minor deadwood, area of old basal damage, stem is sound	no action		
33	S1	Elder and Dogwood	over mature	group of stems next to wall, in poor condition; unmanaged, Elder snapped onto wall, ivy and other vegetation here is now an actionable nuisance to neighbour, garden waste being dumped in corner	remove/ fell stems to clear wall - approx 6 stems including small 'tree'	3 months	
34	S3	Betula pendula Birch	semi mature	group of 5 trees, in moderate condition, one has spindly stem	no action		
35	S2	Ilex aquifolium Holly	mature	in moderate condition, some sub-stems, being pruned back from path	no action		
36	S2	Prunus species (probably cerasifera)	mature	twin-stemmed tree next to path, in rather poor condition; unbalanced crown, growing inter-dependently with other sucker stems, basal cavity	monitor	6 months	
37	S2	Prunus species (probably cerasifera)	mature	in rather poor condition; heavy crown due to fasciation, some dieback, interesting tree	monitor	1 year	
38	S4	Acer pseudoplatanus Sycamore	mature	in moderate condition, some epicormic growth and ivy, has been pruned back from street light	no action		
39	S2	mixed	mature	group of Hazel, Elder, Prunus and other shrubs - inc raspberry, between the western boundary and central path, in moderate condition	continue to coppice Hazel and Elder	1 year	
40	S2	Prunus species (probably cerasifera)	mature	tree near fence in rather poor condition; ivy clad crown, starting to grow out to path	sever ivy, prune back from path where required	3 months	

41	S5	Platanus x hispanica London plane	mature	significant specimen tree, DBH 135cm, has been pollarded in past, minor deadwood, has been pruned back from corner street light, active rookery in crown	no action		
42	S5	Platanus x hispanica London plane	mature	significant specimen tree, DBH 107cm, has been pollarded in past, co-dependent with T41, minor deadwood, active rookery in crown	no action		
43	S2	Crataegus monogyna Hawthorn	mature	tree in path 'island' in rather poor condition; old basal and stem damage and decay, unbalanced and slender form as suppressed by neighbouring trees, soil compaction of root plate	suggest pollard at approx 3m to retain as an interesting old tree	3 months	
44	S1	mixed	mature	area of shrubs - Hazel, Elder, Prunus, Snowberry and fruit, in moderate condition, being 'gardened', branches growing through fence to seat and bin	monitor and prune to clear seat and bin when required	3 months	

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ADD Ash dieback disease