

Teversham Parish Council's Tree Policy

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This is a policy for the management of trees owned and managed by the Teversham Parish Council.

A principle of English Common and statute Law is that land / tree owners have a duty of care to visitors, residents, passers-by and indeed trespassers when on their land. This means that the Parish Council has a responsibility to take reasonable steps to reduce the risk of death or injury to those on Parish Council land.

Trees on other open spaces may be the responsibility of South Cambs District Council.

Trees situated within the public highway, adjacent to the road or on roadside verges, are generally the responsibility of Cambridgeshire County Council.

Trees help to add variety to our landscape and provide valuable habitats for many species while providing us with cleaner, filtered air. Teversham Parish Council aims to preserve the parish's trees for future generations to enjoy.

Work that Teversham Parish Council will carry out on Council owned trees

In maintaining our trees we will:

1. Organise regular tree inspections
2. Remove dead, dying and dangerous trees
3. Remove dangerous and damaged limbs

If works are required this will be programmed as necessary.

Teversham Parish Council will not normally carry out work to other authority (South Cambs or County Council) owned Trees

We have no obligation to carry out the following tree works and will not normally:

- Cut back branches overhanging private property.
'Top' trees or remove branches to increase daylight or decrease height in relation to property.
- Remove branches or trees affecting views or interfering with TV reception.
- Remove branches or trees to prevent falling leaves, honeydew from aphids or other minor debris.
- Remove roots from drains or repair root damage to structures, where the tree has not been clearly demonstrated to be the principal cause.
- Remove branches or trees to prevent potential root damage to structures.
- Remove branches nearly touching buildings, walls, roofs, fences etc.
- Remove branches or trees to prevent access to squirrels or birds.

The Council does not normally carry out works to privately owned trees and residents requiring assistance can contact South Cambs District Council for advice.