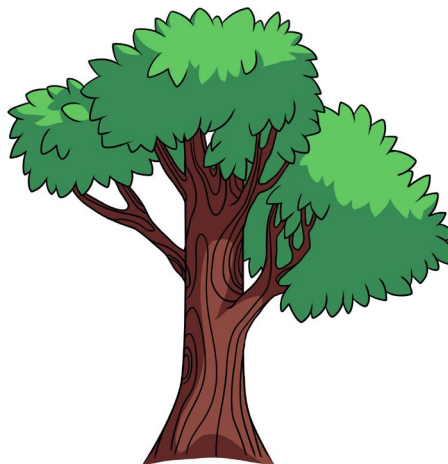


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WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL TREES RISK ASSESSMENT



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Version History

Version	Reviewed at	Approved at
Version 1.00	Full Council Meeting of Wootton Parish Council on 12 th October 2016	Full Council Meeting of Wootton Parish Council on 12 th October 2016
Version 2.00	Full Council Meeting of Wootton Parish Council on 10 th May 2017	Full Council Meeting of Wootton Parish Council on 10 th May 2017
Version 2.00	Full Council Meeting of Wootton Parish Council on 11 th September 2019	Full Council Meeting of Wootton Parish Council on 11 th September 2019
Version 2.00	Full Council Meeting of Wootton Parish Council on 14 th October 2020	Full Council Meeting of Wootton Parish Council on 14 th October 2020
Version 2.00	Full Council Meeting of Wootton Parish Council on 9 th June 2021	Full Council Meeting of Wootton Parish Council on 9 th June 2021
Version 2.00	Full Council Meeting of Wootton Parish Council on 12 th October 2022	Full Council Meeting of Wootton Parish Council on 12 th October 2022
Version 2.00	Full Council Meeting of Wootton Parish Council on 13 th December 2023	Full Council Meeting of Wootton Parish Council on 13 th December 2023
Version 2.00	Full Council Meeting of Wootton Parish Council on 9 th April 2025	Full Council Meeting of Wootton Parish Council on 9 th April 2025
Version 2.00	Full Council Meeting of Wootton Parish Council on 13 th August 2025	Full Council Meeting of Wootton Parish Council on 13 th August 2025

To be reviewed annually.

Assessed Risk: Trees		Assessed by: Sue Edgar Playford	Date: 30 th July 2025
SEVERITY OF HARM →	NEGLIGIBLE Superficial injuries, minor cuts, and bruises	MODERATE Minor fractures or ill health leading to minor disability	SEVERE Multiple injuries, major fractures, fatalities
LIKELIHOOD OF HARM ↓			
IMPROBABLE	SLIGHT	TOLERABLE	MODERATE
POSSIBLE	TOLERABLE	MODERATE	SUBSTANTIAL
FREQUENT	MODERATE	SUBSTANTIAL	INTOLERABLE

Nature of Hazard?	Who might be harmed and how?	Actions already in place,	Further actions required to manage this risk?	Action to be taken by whom?	Further actions by when?	Date completed
Risk of injury due to falling tree or overhanging branches	General Public - if tree or heavy branch falls impacting head or body	Expert external company to carry out tree inspection program	Bartlett Tree Expert Company Ltd undertook a full visual inspection in Spring 2025, which was cross-referenced with the management plan and determined by Full Council in June 2025 (FC25/157). Works have been completed/still ongoing – pending the relevant permissions from Bedford Borough Council (permissions relate to trees within the conservation area)	Clerk to the Council	All recommended remedial works are taken to WPC for approval before being undertaken	June 2025

Risk of injury due to low hanging branches	General Public - if branches are low enough to impact with head or body	Programme of tree cutting/pruning carried out by expert external company	Bartlett Tree Expert Company Ltd undertook a full visual inspection in Spring 2025, which was cross-referenced with the management plan and determined by Full Council in June 2025 (FC25/157). Works have been completed/still ongoing – pending the relevant permissions from Bedford Borough Council (permissions relate to trees within the conservation area)	Clerk to the Council	All recommended remedial works are taken to WPC for approval before being undertaken	June 2025
Risk of injury due to fallen foliage, fruits or nuts	General public – accident risk of slipping on the surrounding surface	Councillors to report any observed issues to Clerk to the Council	Bartlett Tree Expert Company Ltd undertook a full visual inspection in Spring 2025, which was cross-referenced with the management plan and determined by Full Council in June 2025 (FC25/157). Works have been completed/still ongoing – pending the relevant permissions from Bedford Borough Council (permissions relate to trees within the conservation area)	Clerk to the Council	All recommended remedial works are taken to WPC for approval before being undertaken	June 2025

Wootton Parish Council is responsible for trees at the following sites:

- Hall End allotments, Hilly Lane.
- Keeley End Pond.
- Lorraine Road Cemetery.

- Memorial Hall Field and Play Area, Bedford Road.
- Recreation Ground Field and Play Area, Church Road.
- St. Mary's Churchyard and Churchyard Extension – Church Road and Church Road/Cause End Road junction.
- War Memorial, Church Road.

Trees planted within the developments known as Berryfields, Berry Wood/The Kilns and Little Wootton are (generally speaking **) the responsibility of their respective management companies *.

Trees planted on highways land within the village (excluding the developments referenced above * are (generally speaking **) the responsibility of Bedford Borough Council, as the Local Highways Authority.

** Determining ownership is not always an exact science. If in doubt, please contact the Clerk to the Council who will endeavour to assist where possible.