

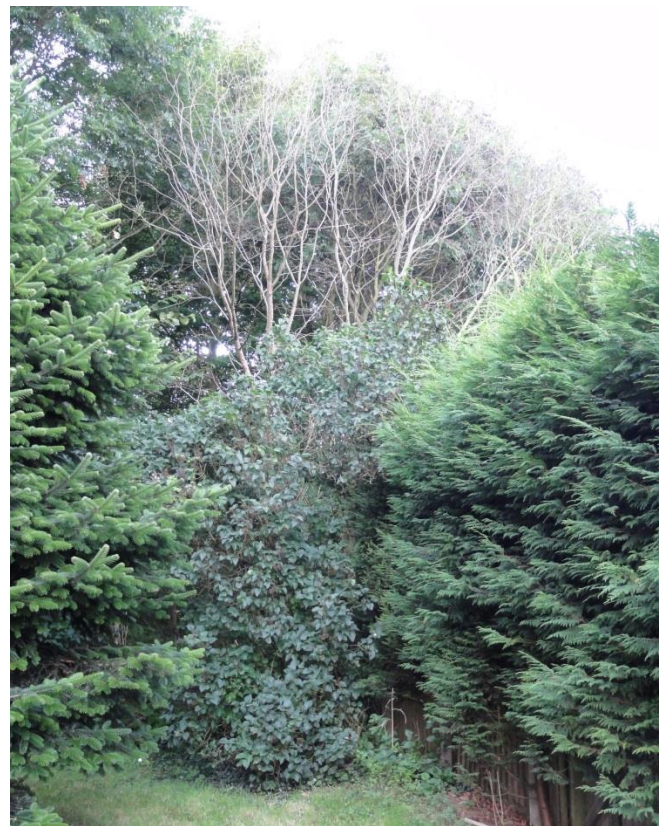
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Trees update

Over the last couple of months Jim and I have been gradually tidying up the village trees along the edge of the village, alongside the A64. We started near the bus stop, back in October, and since then have gradually worked along towards the entrance to the Nature Trail, which we reached a few days ago. We just spend a couple of hours on this, once a week, if possible. The work has been done quietly, with a hand saw and loppers. The cuttings from the first few sessions formed the base of the bonfire for the fireworks party. We plan to move on to the Green next.



But before we leave the area at the top of the Nature Trail, there are 3 dead elm trees we want to cut down. I have asked the Tree Preservation Officer about these specific trees, and he has said they can be removed. This work will involve Jim using his chainsaw, so I thought it would be sensible to let everyone know it was going to happen sometime. Here are some pictures showing the 3 dead trees.



You may already know about the large oak tree which fell in the Nature Trail woodland, a few weeks ago, during high winds. This blocked the path, for a short while, until Andy Craig Smith cut a way through. Thanks very much Andy!



The incident made us look again at another oak, further up the slope from this tree, which had caused concern because it moved noticeably in the ground, in windy conditions, and there was some damage/deterioration at the bottom of the trunk. The tree is not far from the sewage treatment works, and the concern was that, if it fell in that direction, it might do some serious damage. Of course, we didn't want it to fall in any direction!

The trees here are protected under the Tree Preservation Order (TPO), so I sent details to the Officer, and he has said the tree can be felled. We are now obtaining quotes to cut the tree down. We will update you on this, as things progress.



A few months ago, Colin Wells asked me about removing some dead branches from a large oak tree behind his house. There was a risk of them falling into his garden, and perhaps hurting someone. The tree was also in the area which has the Tree Preservation Order, so I contacted the Officer about removing the dead branches. He replied to say, "No permission required to remove dead wood." So Colin was able to arrange their removal.

With this statement from the Officer in mind, we now plan to start tidying up the dead trees in the Nature Trail woodland, both the ones still standing and fallen ones. Nothing much has been done to the trees in this woodland for some years, because of the concern about contravening the TPO, but we feel we can now make a start to tidy it. Initially, Andy, Jim, Rosie and I will sort out a plan of action, but once we have a plan, we would welcome assistance from anyone who would like to lend a hand. Please let me know if you are interested in helping in any way.



We would welcome your comments on any of this. You can email us at info@crambeckvillage.com , leave a note at any of our addresses, or ask one of us to visit your house to discuss it.

Best wishes

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