

Bulletin No 55 Late Autumn Update

Dead elm tree felled

Last week the tree surgeon came and felled the old elm next to the A64. It was a big tree with lots of ivy, just to make the job more difficult. Jim and Peter helped by moving cut branches to the chipper. We were impressed with the tree surgeon – it was the first job he had done for us. The trunk, which is on top of an old brick construction, was left standing, covered in ivy. A pile of logs was produced, and these were offered to all the people who have asked to be on the Log Contact Group. If you have a log burner, are able to collect logs and cut/split them, and would like to be notified when logs are available, please email info@crambeckvillage.com or drop a note to any one of us. We plan to rebuild the fence in a few weeks time, when the logs have been collected.



Hedge tops cut

Two weeks ago we hired a tower scaffold so that Jim could cut the tops of the long beech hedge, by the tennis court, and the leylandii next to the Sewage Treatment Works. Peter assisted by clearing up the cuttings and moving the scaffold. The weather was rather damp for the first two days, but Jim insisted on continuing. As usual, he did a great job!



Compost heap for leaves

Jim has set up a compost heap for leaves near the top entrance to the Nature Trail path. Please use it for any leaves you collect, but do not put other material there. Jim throws the leaves over the wall, but you can also access the heap by going through the gap in the wall. Jim always produces a good batch of leaf mould, which is available for any residents to use in their gardens.



Tennis court closed

The current restrictions mean that the tennis court has had to be closed. You can see the statement by the Lawn Tennis Association [here](#) .

Road works – outstanding issues

Although the work has been finished, there are several issues which remain to be resolved. You might have noticed that the “beacons” are not working. Peter initially told the maintenance people about this in September, but there was no progress, so he concluded there was a design problem, and contacted the Service Delivery Manager. He responded and said, “I’ve escalated this for review and resolution ASAP so the design team and also site teams are both looking into this issue to try to sort as a matter of urgency. . . Please pass on my apologies to the residents for this issue”.

A second issue you might have noticed concerns the position of a sign at the end of the dual carriageway which obscures the 50mph sign. Peter reported this to the same man in September, and after chasing a number of times received a reply which said, amongst other things, “Remedial action is to be co-ordinated alongside any further comments picked up in the Stage 3 Road Safety Audit”.



Peter will continue to ask for updates, until both issues are corrected. Any progress will be reported in future bulletins.

Possible removal of leylandii tree

There are a number of large leylandii trees near the gas tanks which we think should be removed over the next few years to allow room for the broadleaved trees. We are also planning to carefully reduce the height and density of the trees in the copse on the left of the photo. We have had a preliminary discussion with the tree surgeon, and initially we propose to dismantle the single leylandii indicated. This tree cannot be seen from the village, as it is hidden by the large lime and the group of lawson’s cypress trees.



Best wishes

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