

Email from Shane Verrion 1.2.24 following a visit from a tree surgeon

I visited and looked at these trees Wednesday afternoon – sorry its taken a while.

I can confirm that 3823 is TPO'd, the smaller of the two (3824) is not.

Looking at 3823, two to three different types of fruiting body are evident around the base and having tapped around with a sounding hammer there are a couple of fairly significant pockets of decay. Most old trees have cavities, or decay at their cores, and that isn't necessarily a problem but in light of all that is in the target area, should the tree or any part of it fail, I think you should seriously be considering a professional tree inspection to cover yourselves. This will probably involve **investigation with internal decay detection equipment, such as a PICUS tomograph**. Its not likely to be cheap but given the significance of the tree, it will be money well spent, and it will cover you (meaning the PC, not you personally) in terms of liability. If any work is required to this tree, consent will be required.

The second Oak (3824) raises no such concerns but I can see that a degree of management may be desirable to tidy it up. The tree is not protected so no consent is required.

Regards

Shane Verrion
Tree Officer

A similar report earlier this year cost £380 +VAT