

Alderbury Parish Council
Meeting September 2024
Quotations for a tree report

This is spec to the companies:

5th August 2024

Please quote for a comprehensive tree report for the village of Alderbury and Whaddon. Please include when you think you would be able to come and complete the report.

The areas maintained by Alderbury Parish Council comprise:

- The cemetery (NOT the churchyard)
- The recreation ground and village hall car park
- Oakwood Grove amenity area
- Waleran Close wildflower meadow – an area of land opposite the village hall
- The ‘triangle’ and green near the pub and containing The Fountain and war memorial
- Southampton Road allotments
- High Street allotments
- Verges etc as set out below

Many trees will already be tagged but the previous report was 6 years ago so there will be new ones which have grown up in that time. Please note and tag those that are not.

Trees alongside pedestrian walkways and alongside highways should be listed where crown raising may be required.

This set of maps identifies the areas (ignore the colour coding – they are from the grass cutting contract).

Avon Drive/Canal Side/ Eyres Drive/Windwhistle Way/Priory Close/Twyneham Gardens	Map 1
Sandringhams	Map 2
Recreation Ground & Waleran Close	Map 3
Oakwood Grove & Southampton Road allotments	Map 4
High Street Allotments & The Green etc.	Map 5
Cemetery	Map 6

Quote from WRC

We know WRC as they did the Picus report on the oak at the Oakwood Grange amenity area and are about to do the same on the one at Avon Drive.

I am pleased to provide our quotation to undertake the following works:

Undertake a ground-based safety survey of all trees growing on the highlighted areas on maps provided by Alderbury PC, employing the visual tree assessment method.

Additionally, all trees with an absence of defects but which require management, e.g., to provide uninhibited pedestrian access, will be recorded. Trees with similar characteristics that are growing close together will be recorded as groups, with individual trees requiring management recorded within those groups if defects are observed.

Tag trees with sequentially numbered aluminium disc, plot trees and groups with GPS device, record estimated height and dbh, age class and condition, comment on defects, pests and diseases, etc.

Undertake a Quantified Tree Risk Assessment where significant defects or hazards are present. Present findings and results in a written report, including survey schedules and maps, with prioritised management recommendations pertaining to safety, obstruction, direct damage (current or future) or arboricultural management.

All in the sum of £860.00 + VAT @ 20%

All work by WRC Ltd is carried out to BS3998 (2010) and is covered by a £10 million Public liability, £10 million Employers liability insurance policy and £1 million Professional indemnity insurance. If you have any queries about any part of this quotation then please contact me at the address or phone numbers below, or, email me at info@wrctrees.co.uk.

From Tree Technique

We know Tree Technique for the work they did on the oak at Oakwood Grove amenity area.

Quotation

Site Address PO BOX2366, Salisbury, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP2 2NY

Item No Item Work Description Value

1 Arboricultural Consultancy

Attend the 6 sites identified on the maps provided for Alderbury Council and conduct a health and safety tree survey of all trees within the yellow areas on the maps. To provide following the tree survey via e-mail in a PDF format the tree surveys, tree survey plans, tree work schedules and plans within an Arboricultural Report. The quote includes time on site, travel, mileage and the production of the Arboricultural report.

£3,672.90

2 Metal Tree Identification Tags

To add a metal tree tag to any tree within the sites that have not been previously surveyed or are missing a tag.

£132.00

3 Google map

An alternative to tagging is producing a Google map from the tree survey data that allows for an interactive experience of the tree survey data. It shows the location of the trees on a map as well as the survey data which can then be viewed on-site via any mobile device.

Total Value: £3,804.90

Vat(20%): £760.98

Total Inc Vat: £4,565.88

From Tree Menders

We know Tree Menders from previous work in the village, including the last tree report done in 2019.

Please note they have included in thier quote some dissatisfaction with the way the Council dealt with them in the past (re the first oak tree in Oakwood Grove amenity area).

If I were to undertake the survey, it would be along the same lines as before¹. Ballpark would be £780 + vat - As with all the other Parishes, we would then take the cost of the survey out of any remedial work that is needed - so effectively the survey (if we're used) is free.

¹He means the tree report of 2019 (on which I based the spec I sent out!).

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