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20th October 2025

Dear Andrew

ESTIMATE

TO CARRY OUT TREE SURGERY WORKS AT THE FIRST MEADOW, LAVENHAM AS FOLLOWS:

1 – G1 & G2 and several trees along the Northern boundary with The Common.

There are x2 Dead Ivy covered Elms here near the entrance gate

x1 Crab Apple with dead wood in the crown and then there is some general encroachment of self-set trees and brambles

A lot of the trees here are all very low hanging as well, behind the play area in particular the overhang is very heavy with some long over extended branches, there is also some dead wood and a snapped and hung up branch in one of the trees. Given that this is very close to the Play area, there are benches beneath and people will stand and shelter under these trees, they should all be climbed, inspected and the major dead wood removed, also any overheavy or defective branches removed. The crowns raised for headroom clearance and the overhang cut back, any encroachment also cut back to bring it all into management. From the entrance gate at the bottom of Water Street to the new entrance and bridge from The Common and down to the Horse Chestnut with the long overweight limb

The below picture is of the northern Boundary behind the play area. As you can see the trees are hanging very low over this area. Quite a few of the branches are overweight and over extended. Given that this is an area people would shelter under from the rain (and this would only increase the chances of branch failure) I would strongly recommend that all the trees along this boundary are raised, inspected and any dead, dying, overweight or over extended branches made safe.

	£1800.00
Hire of the Mobile Elevated Working Platform	£400.00



Below is a Horse Chestnut tree at the bottom of the row of trees. You can see the extent of the over heavy and overweight branch and there is also possibly a stress fracture running along it. This needs to be reduced / made safer ASAP.



- 2 – Tree 26 – Silver Birch.
This tree is dead and should be removed, it is next to the footpath £600.00

- 3 – Bottom of the corner of the Playing Field.
There is a winding footpath running through the trees here. They are a mixture of Walnuts, Oaks, Sweet Chestnut and other species and are all young to semi mature trees. They are all very low growing and one has to duck in places. It makes the footpath dark, some are too close together. Really all of these trees would benefit from raising to 3m and from cultural and formative pruning £800.00

- 4 – Tree 37 – this is a very large Weeping Willow.
It is very low on the whole area. It also has a lot of major deadwood in the crown, I would recommend that it is climbed, inspected and the major dead wood removed £700.00

Hire of the Mobile Elevated Working Platform £400.00

5 – All the trees along the River Bank on the Eastern boundary.
The trees along here all very low over the grassed area and could all benefit from being raised, the

epicormic growth and any encroachment removed

£600.00

6 – Fallen Willow tree.

This has come over from the Farm/Stables on the opposite bank.

See below. Really this should be cleared if it is left that area cannot be cut and will become overgrown so it needs clearing. Note that this is the landowner opposite's responsibility.

The trees on the opposite bank are all looking in poor condition so you may want to ask them to get this addressed as they can reach the opposite bank and an area of public access.

£300.00



7 – Himalayan Balsom.

See below picture of Himalayan balsam. Impatiens Glandulifera <https://www.rhs.org.uk/weeds/himalayan-balsam>

Basically, this is an invasive plant and you should if you can get it removed. There was only one or two stems but if left it could take over this whole bottom corner of the playing field. If the trees were raised and the grass cut regularly down here it would not establish.



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7 Silver Birch

1st Meadow

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FIRST MEADOW, LAVENHAM

TITLE

TREE SURVEY

CLIENT

LAVENHAM PARISH COUNCIL



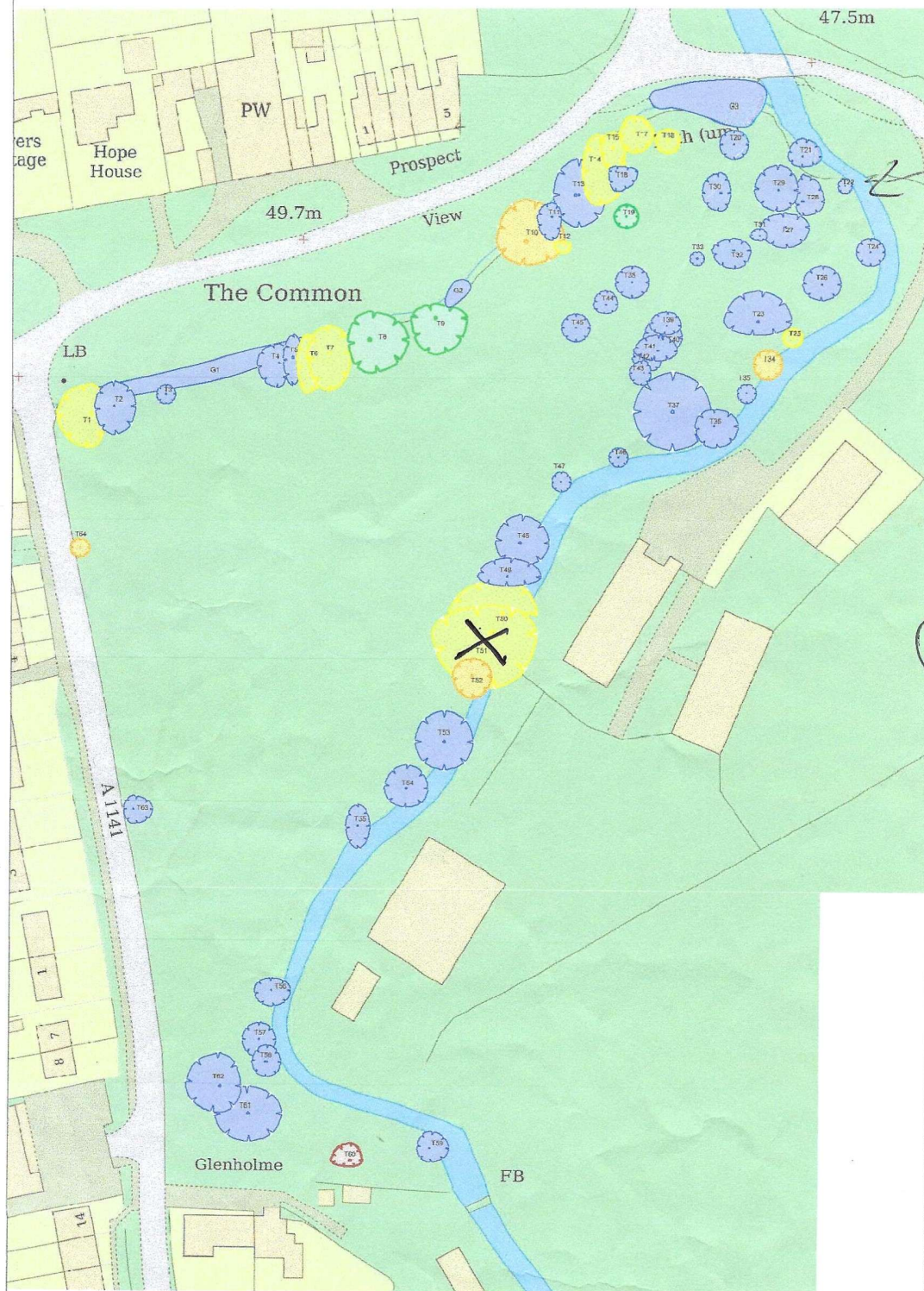
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TO CARRY OUT TREE SURGERY WORKS AT THE CEMETERY, BRIDGE STREET ROAD AS FOLLOWS:

1 – General Maintenance – as discussed and as I showed you there is now a large degree of Ivy, Bramble, Self-Set trees and general woody weed growth around some of the graves and in some of the trees particularly the Irish Yews. 3-4 years ago when we were looking after the trees here we would annually remove this. It needs re-doing to prevent it getting out of hand again £700.00

2 – Tree 8 Scots Pine – this tree has died and should be removed as soon as possible. It is very likely affected by Red Needle Blight <https://www.forestresearch.gov.uk/tools-and-resources/fhr/pest-and-disease-resources/dothistroma-needle-blight-dothistroma-septosporum/>

Other trees in the area and indeed the Cemetery have died due to this

To fell to ground level £800.00

To hire the Mobile Elevated Working Platform £400.00

3 – Trees 15, 16 & 17 x3 Scots Pines that are not looking their best with more sparse needle growth and slight yellowing of the needles. Could be affected by the very dry Spring and Summer – To monitor

4 – Trees 19 & 20 x2 Beech trees – both of these trees have had Ganoderma fungal fruiting bodies at the base of them over the years and this was mentioned in the 2016 Report. We have since had Picus tests carried out on these to assess the decay at the base of both trees. In the last 5 years Tree 19 lost growth on one side (the front side of its crown). This has largely recovered now but quite what caused it is unknown. The previous Picus Reports which were carried out in 2020 recommended that they be re-tested in 3 years time which was 2023.

To re-test the x2 trees and provide a brief report @ £400.00 per tree

5 – Tree 62 x1 Scots Pine that is not looking its best with more sparse needle growth and slight yellowing of the needles. Could be affected by the very dry Spring and Summer – To monitor

6 – To grind out the stumps of x2 recently felled Scots Pines – I would strongly recommend they are removed so they do not act as a host for further fungal fruiting bodies to grow on and spread to other trees £300.00

7 – To re-stake x1 recently planted Cherry tree (including the stakes) £30.00

Please note if all x3 Picus tests are carried out at the same time a reduced price of £300.00 per tree therefore a saving of £300.00

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TO CARRY OUT TREE SURGERY WORKS AT ST PETERS & ST PAUL'S CHURCHYARD AS FOLLOWS:

Item 1:

Large Sycamore, looks like it is the Churchyard side of the fence so presume owned by the Church:

This tree is heavily covered in Ivy growth making an assessment of the main stem impossible Given that it is close to the road I am recommending that the Ivy is removed and a climbed inspection is carried out together with the removal of major dead wood, there are a few branches of significant size

Cost £600.00



Item 2:

Below is a picture of encroachment by Blackthorn. This is slowly marching from the hedgerow into the Churchyard and is starting to affect graves.

This is basically because of the lack of management of the rear hedgerow. Also the hedge that is around what I presume is a septic tank (I could not see as too overgrown) is very unmanaged, is becoming overgrown and brambles etc are growing in it.

This all needs removing, trimming back and bringing into good management or it will be detrimental to the rear boundary of the churchyard.

Is there a grounds maintenance contractor that is employed to manage this?



Again this picture shows the overgrown hedgerow and low hanging branches. There is a self set Ash tree that is growing out at an acute angle that needs to be removed.



More encroachment and self set trees, brambles and Blackthorn affecting graves and the churchyard rear boundary in general.



And this is at the opposite end to the roadside end. Basically the whole back boundary is unmanaged and poorly maintained and has encroached by up to 5-6m in places into the Churchyard. This should be addressed and the encroachment cut back, felled and stumps poisoned where appropriate to prevent re-growth. Sadly we have seen a lot of Churchyards decline if this sort of thing is left unchecked. But this is not too bad compared to some we have seen and can be reasonably easily sorted out if done soon.

Item 2 Approximate cost would be £1200-£1400.00



Item 3:

Large Cedar of Lebanon to the rear of the church. This is the largest tree in this Churchyard. It is a mature Cedar but will probably get to double the size it is now in it's lifetime. I don't think it has ever had any work done to it other than perhaps remedial works when it has lost branches. It looks healthy enough but a Cedar of this age and size that has never been previously inspected should really have a full climbed inspection and assessment. At the same time all of the major & larger dead wood should be removed. There is an awful lot of dead within the crown. Also all the major branches and fork unions should be closely inspected and assessed. Cedars are known for dropping large limbs as they can develop faults, cracks and weaknesses. And due to the way in which they grow with large more horizontal branches spreading out below others they can become over-heavy and over extended. The end of the branch platelets can also become clogged with dead wood and needles which form a thick thatch that catches water in heavy rain and if it snows and then freezes the snow lays on top and this will cause branches to break, often catastrophically taking others below it with them.

This tree has all of the above, an excessive amount of dead wood, thick branch platelets and likely some branches with faults, indeed there is evidence that it has in the past lost branches. And probably has never been inspected of climbed and closely looked at.

Given it is in a churchyard with graves beneath and also free pedestrian access I would recommend that it is climbed inspected and the larger dead wood removed, any over heavy branches reduced and or thinned and any defective branches removed or made safe.

The cost of carrying out the above would be £1900.00 - £2600.00 depending on what we find, hopefully no major faults.... Plus the hire of a tracked access platform which would be £800.00-£1100.00 depending on how long we will need it for. Whilst I appreciate this is a large expense once done it should not need doing for some time. And it has probably not had any money spent on it in the past. But really given its size, location and public access beneath it I don't see that it can be safely ignored.

Item 4:

View down the right hand side boundary. This is beginning to become overgrown again. We did do quite a lot of cutting back some years back, maybe 5? Looks like nothing has been done since. Really the overhanging growth and hedges need properly cutting back on an annual basis in the Autumn each year. There are some overhanging trees, some leaning smaller spindly trees, bramble growth and ivy encroachment onto trees. Also see picture below.

To tidy this all up and cut back, remove ivy and dead wood, spindly trees etc would be £800.00



Item 5:

Below picture of the 8 Lime trees along the frontage. These are all growing well and appear healthy. However there is basal epicormic growth on two of them that should be removed for the general health and maintenance of the tree. They also hang low over the footpath and should be raised by 2m all around for headroom clearance.

Cost £800.00



Basal epicormic growth that should be removed.



Item 6:

Finally, the below is a nice holly tree but it has Ivy growth getting established. If left this will eventually take over the whole crown of the tree as it has done to one in the cemetery. This should be removed. Also the bottom branches removed and the crown raised by 1.5-2m to allow access to beneath.

Cost £250.00



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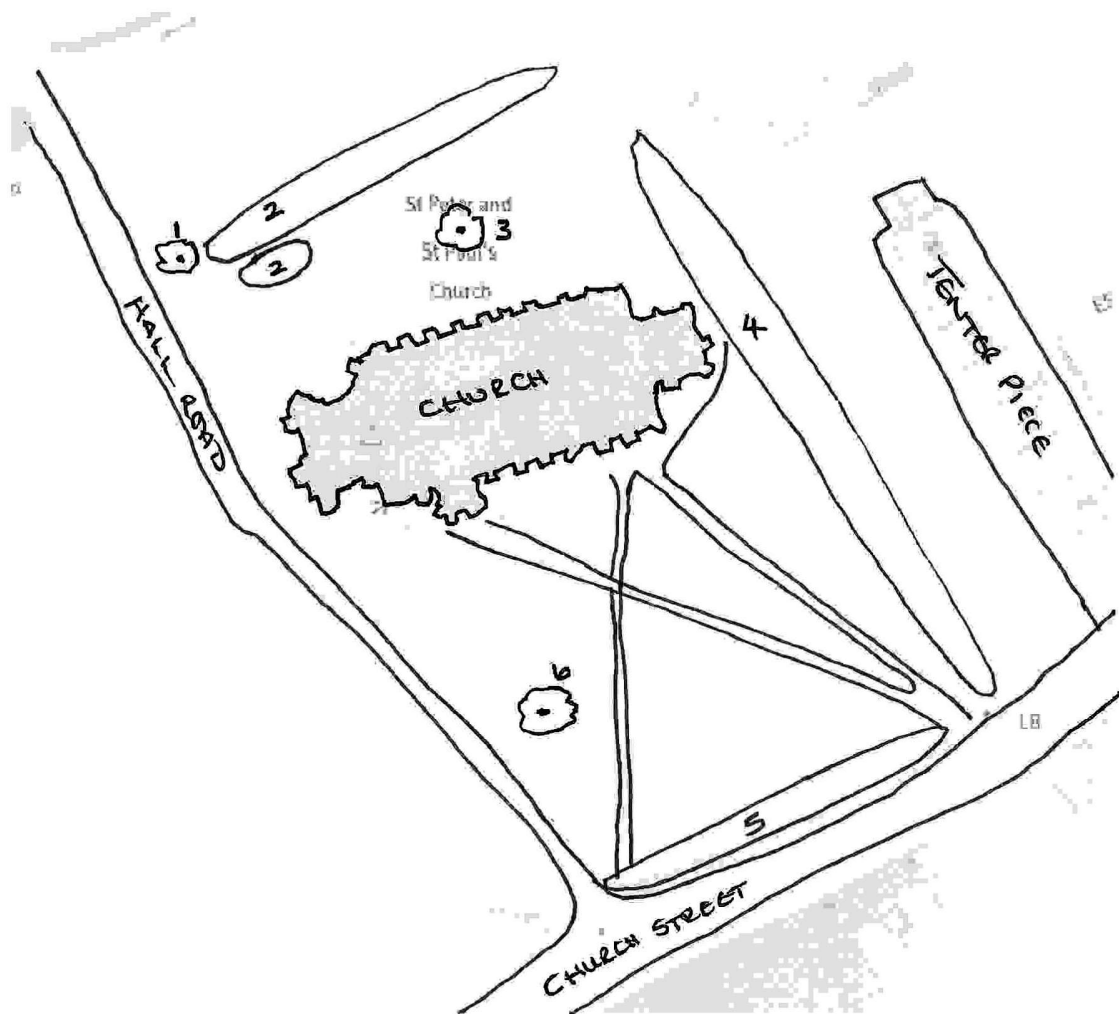
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1 – The area behind the Tennis Courts was once a grassed area, 30 years ago you could cut through there to the corner, cross the road and continue on the path that leads up to Green Willows. It is now very overgrown with Blackthorn and this has simply encroached from the original hedgerows that ran up into the corner as they were never maintained. This is quite a large space and could at some point be reclaimed or open up. But for now, the Blackthorn is encroaching very close to the edges of the Tennis Courts and if left to grow too big the roots will undermine the surface of the Tennis Courts resulting in expensive repairs. I am recommending that at least a 2m strip at the back and the ends is cleared and the stumps poisoned. They can then be kept clear.

Cost £600.00 at the back and £200.00 at the sides, total of £800.00 to include the tracked chipper to chip all of the brush and branches

2 – G2 & G3 – this again is an area of old Hedges that are slowly but surely marching into the field. Basically, it's the encroachment of the Blackthorn, every year it self-seeds and if not cut back will grow into trees. Again, this should be looked at, or it will become like it has behind the Tennis Courts. Really all of the Hedges around the perimeter should be looked at and a plan made to cut them back and maintain them annually.

3 – Trees 18 & 19 – x2 Oak trees on the boundary.

These have grown considerably over the last few years and have not been maintained. The branches are hanging low over the Playing Field grassed area and preventing it being mowed. These should be raised to 3m to allow headroom clearance £250.00

4 – Trees 14, 15 & 16- x3 Oak trees.

These have grown considerably over the last few years and have not been maintained. The branches are hanging low over the Playing Field grassed area and preventing it being mowed. These should be raised to 3m to allow headroom clearance £300.00

5 – Tree 13 – x1 Oak tree.

This is a very large Mature Oak tree, probably the biggest tree here in the Recreation Ground. The tree leans in the direction of the Playing Field and I have advised in the past that this tree be further investigated and that a Picus test is carried out at the base of the tree. The Report dated 2016 mentions that the fungus may have been Inonotus dryadeus but some years ago I did see Perenniporia fraxinea growing at its base. Perenniporia can cause white rot in the base of a tree which in advanced stages will make the wood become brittle causing it to fail through a brittle fracture at its base and roots. I am now recommending strongly that a Picus test is carried out as if this tree were to fail the consequences could be disastrous if an event was being held and there were people underneath it.

<https://suffolktreeservices.co.uk/page/consultancy/picus/>

Picus test £400.00

6 – Tree 1 x1 Beech tree.

This is now touching the roof of the Pavillion. The tree is healthy and nothing wrong but the crown should be raised to prevent damage by physical contact. £200.00

7 – Trees 3, 5 & 6 x3 Silver Maple trees.

These trees are physiologically very healthy and they have grown out an incredible rate over the last 9 years since the Report was done. They are all now quite some size and are all growing above the main footpath that comes into the Recreation Ground. They all have a degree of dead wood in them with some quite large branches in some. All should be climbed, inspected and the major dead wood removed

x3 trees @ £300.00 per tree £900.00

8 – Tree 8 x1 Red Horse Chestnut tree.

This has a weak fork and some decay at the base. Monitor annually

It is also recommended that all Hedges and borders are looked at to cut back and re-set them and then an annual trim every year – this is quite a big job but I would be happy to look at them and discuss on site

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