



Site Supervisor: Mr George Palmer
Originator: Mr George Palmer
Position: Director and Lead Tree Surgeon
Site address: 12 Old School Court, Lindfield, RH16 2LD

Date: 03/06/2026

Strict adherence to this method statement is critical to the health and safety of all engaged in the work. Any deviation must first be authorised by the Site Supervisor.

Planned Task/Activity Description:

- To safely dismantle to ground level two medium sized Goat Willow trees that are encroaching on the electricity lines.

Location and Access:

- Access to site via main entrance.
- When chipper on site it is positioned away from the public and as far away from vehicles as is possible, ensuring no damage from debris.

Working Environment & Restrictions:

- Working areas directly near public pathway coned off to ensure minimal contact with pedestrians and vehicles and limit potential risk and harm.

Protection of others:

- All working areas signed and coned off to ensure pedestrian awareness. Groundsmen to communicate to any pedestrians the scope of work being carried out in the immediate vicinity and ensure wide berth adhered to by all members of the public. All groundsmen to remain vigilant to ensure the safety of any members of the public immediately around worksite.

Emergency Procedures:

- At least one if not all members of the workforce will have a mobile phone on them at all times to ensure they have the means to raise alarm or contact emergency services at all

times. First aid kits are carried in work vehicles to ensure immediate first aid can be carried out in the event of a personal injury.

- Equipment carried and staff trained in the event of an ariel rescue being required, although the likelihood of this is slim on this particular job.

Operatives/Competence:

- All works will be completed by trained individuals that carry certificates in all areas of works they are carrying out. This especially goes for the workers who will both climb and dismantle trees. All staff have received chainsaw training or will be working under the direct supervision of trained staff. There will be a minimum of two people on site at all times.

Personal Protective Equipment:

- Staff will have chainsaw protective trousers. Helmets (climbers to be mountaineering type) complete with eye protection and hearing protection. Chainsaw protective boots with steel toe caps. Gloves (optional). Hi-Viz clothing (Not for tree climbers).

-

Plant & Equipment:

- Various chainsaws as required. Woodchipper, harnesses and ropes. Keys will be removed from woodchippers and other plant when left unattended. Leaf blowers and strimmers as required also.

Materials Handling/Storage & Safety Information:

- All material will be either processed through the Wood Chipper or cut into manageable loads for 1 person to safely handle. The minimum amount of fuel to be kept on site at any time, transport enough fuel for one day's work and keep fuel away from buildings, etc. when refuelling or storing.
- All flammable liquids (fuel, paint) to be handled with care and disposed of correctly when works completed.

Critical Stages:

- The team leader will carry out onsite risk assessment on the day to take account of the weather and any change of circumstances during the operations, brief the team and review daily or in the event of significant site changes.
- The trees will be assessed, climbed and safely section felled to ground level.
- All debris will be cleared and loaded on to specified vehicle from the proposed tree works.
- The area will then be tidied and worksite signage loaded onto vehicles.