



GODWINS GARDENS

Tree Surgery, Landscaping & Maintenance

Hi Wayne,

Please find below my report in regards to the oak tree that recently caused damage to overhead cables and property in the village.

This particular common oak tree (*Quercus Robus*) is situated in a front garden just to the side of a pedestrian footpath of which it is overhanging as well as the roadway.

Last Sunday 20th September a very large limb failed and broke off causing damage to a roof of a property and overhanging cables. This appears to be caused by (summer branch drop) or sudden limb failure commonly associated with this species given its maturity.

If the tree was located away from a pedestrian walkway, road and front gardens my recommendation would be a heavy reduction to try and counter balance what is now a massively un balanced mature oak.

However where the limb has failed it has exposed a very large and deep wound on the main trunk beneath the canopy that will now be open to exposure from water and diseases.

It would be a real shame to have to loose the tree but from a safety perspective I feel action greater than just a reduction must be taken to remove anymore potential danger connected with the condition of the tree.

A tomogram could be undertaken to reveal the structural health of the tree to see if a monolith could be undertaken instead of felling but without this it would be impossible to determine the true health of the tree.

Kind regards

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Tree Report Statement

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I recommend the removal (felling) of the oak tree due to the loss of a significant limb and failure at the main union. This has compromised the structural integrity of the tree, particularly at the point where several large limbs converge.

There are also visible signs of decay within the main union, which further increases concern regarding the tree's structural stability and the potential for additional limb or union failure.

The risk is further heightened by the tree's location adjacent to a high-traffic area, where failure of one or more of the remaining large limbs could pose a significant risk to people and property.

Taking the above factors into consideration, I recommend that the oak tree is felled and removed to eliminate the identified structural risk.

Many Thanks,