

## Interim Inspection of Parish Trees and Recommended Works

At its meeting in July '24, the Estates Committee meeting considered a proposal to undertake work to trees in the parish cemetery (previously circulated as **WPC.EC.24.07.04**) and noting the likely costs, agreed that formal quotes should be requested once the full report on the Tri-annual inspection of parish trees was available.

The Tri-annual inspection of the Parish Trees by Acacia Trees was completed in June 2024 and following their report and relevant quotes, the Estates Committee resolved:

- i. The Estates Committee authorise work to Parish Trees at a cost of not more than £800 plus VAT; and
- ii. The Estates Committee authorise work to Cemetery Trees at a cost of £1120 plus VAT and ask the parish council to authorise a drawdown from Earmarked Reserves of £1300 from Cemetery & Churchyard.

(Min. 24.09.10). This work was instructed in the autumn, with the majority having been completed in December '24 (some minor works to be completed late January). In the course of undertaking these works, the appointed Tree Surgeon has identified a number and in the course of has highlighted a number of additional areas where work should or could be considered, namely:

1. The grinding out of the stumps in the cemetery (and two further stumps in Six Acres), for which a quote has been provided at **Appendix A**
2. The pollarding of two Yews to the right of the path to the Chapel of Rest to 2 metres (**Appendix B** - highlighted green)
3. Work to Yew T20a, on the boundary of the Cemetery and Footpath, which is large and blocks out a lot of light and access to memorials below it
4. Work to the Chestnut Tree T19 in the corner of the cemetery which has boughs entangling with the power cable running to the Chapel of Rest, and heavy boughs extending out over Cemetery Road<sup>1</sup>.
5. Possible further work to one yew to right of the path to the Chapel of Rest (pollard to 2 metres) and three Yews to left of the path to the Chapel of Rest

Plans and images of the proposed trees are attached as **Appendix C**.

Acacia Tree Surgery are additionally offering:

- Interim assessment of parish trees, noting only any work required (f.o.c); or
- Interim assessment of parish trees with full record of each tree assessed at £175.00

### **Powers:**

- Public Health Act 1875 s.164 – to provide and maintain land for public recreation;
- Local Government Act 1972, s.214(2) – to provide and maintain cemeteries... and
- Open Spaces Act 1906, ss.9 & 10 – to provide and maintain ...or burial ground

### **Funding:**

Cemetery & Churchyard - £660.50 against a budget of £1000

Six Acres - £100 against a budget of £500

Tree Surgery - £80 against a budget of £2550

And in 2025–26 - Tree Surgery: £750

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<sup>1</sup> This was described as poor condition in the Tri-annual report in June '24 with a diary note for summer '25 – the tree has bleeding canker.

## **WPC.EC.25.02.05 – Works to Parish Trees**

The proposal is to undertake the following work in the current financial year

### **Action:**

Decide whether to instruct Acacia to undertake:

- a) Interim assessment in 2025, at a cost of £175; or
- b) Interim assessment free of charge, noting only those trees which require work

### **Recommendation:**

**The Estates Committee authorise works to parish trees as set out at 1 & 2 above, at a cost of not more than £520**

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## Estimate

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ESTIMATE NO. 1108

DATE 13/12/2024

EXPIRATION 13/12/2024

DATE

DATE	DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
12/12/2024	Grind out X4 large Cedar stumps at the front of the Cemetery and clear arisings	1	380.00	380.00
Grind out X2 large stumps of Wickhambrook playing field at no additional cost			TOTAL	£380.00

Accepted By

Accepted Date

BACS: 40-18-00 - 70607207  
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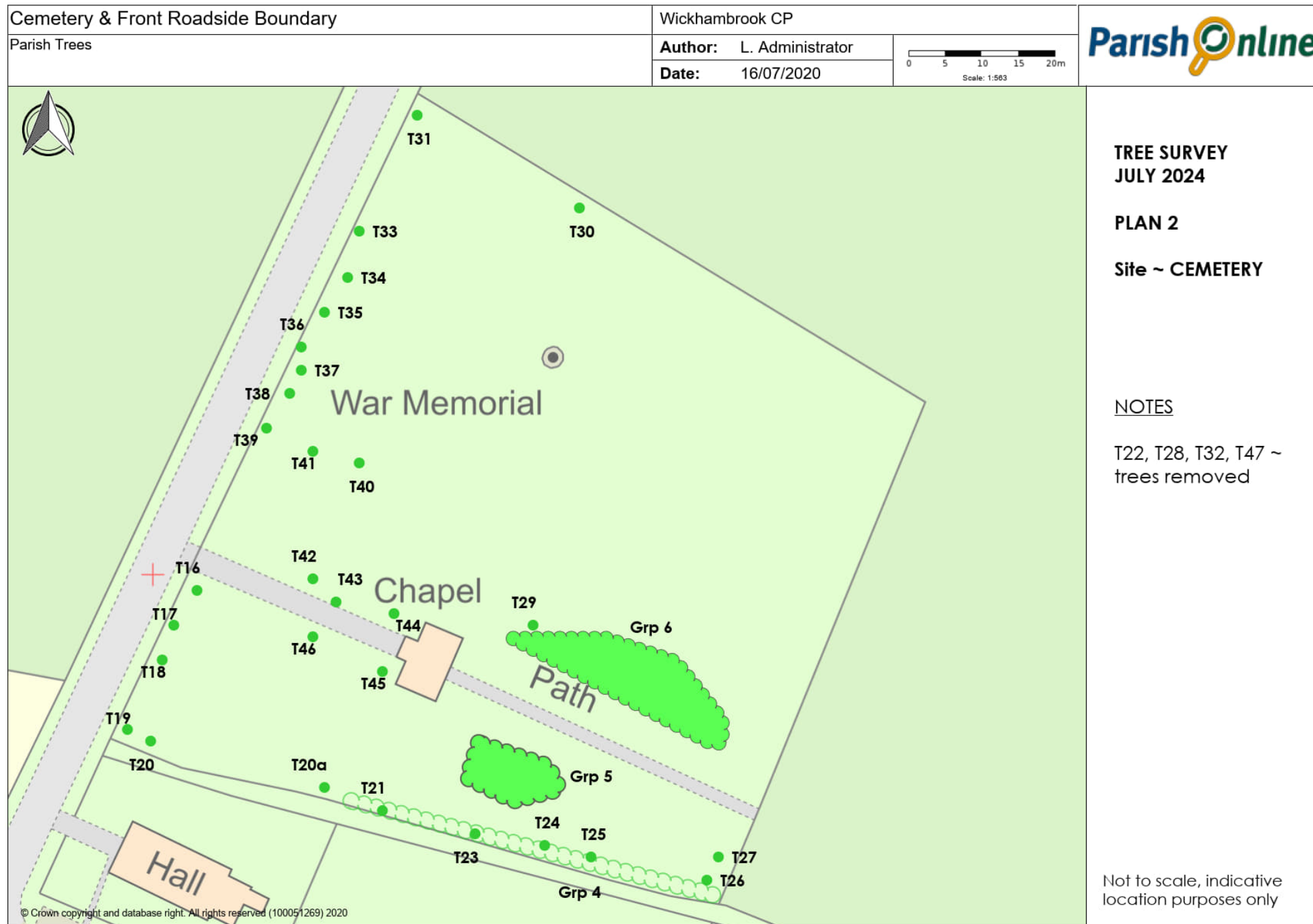
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ESTIMATE NO. 1097

DATE 05/07/2024

DATE	DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
04/07/2024	Yew - Reduce height by 50% and shorten laterals to rebalance; raise crown to 2.5ms all round including epicormic growths;	1	150.00	150.00
04/07/2024	Yew - Raise crown to 2.5ms all round;	1	60.00	60.00
04/07/2024	2 Yews - Pollard at 2ms	1	140.00	140.00
04/07/2024	5 Lawson Cypress (T45, T46, T43 and T41) - Top and fell as close to ground level as possible;	1	700.00	700.00
04/07/2024	Yew next to Chapel - Reduce height to 3m and to establish a conical shape	1	300.00	300.00
TOTAL				£1,350.00

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## Cemetery Trees

