

TREE WARDEN REPORT 2018

As most people are aware, there is a national catastrophe commonly known as Ash Dieback. It's a catastrophe because we think that all our Ash trees are going to die, and Ash in our County represents a high proportion of our woods and hedge rows. Unlike Dutch Elm disease in the 1970s, when we cut all Elms down, this time we are not going to fell but leave all the Ash standing in the hope that some may show signs of resistance. If this happens we will be able to take seed to replant. If you own or know of an Ash Tree that is becoming dangerous you **must** report it to me or the County Tree Officer to have it dealt with.

Having said that, we are still a conservation area, and all trees are protected, so if you feel that a tree needs heavy pruning or removal we must get permission from the county tree officer.

A reminder that at this time of the year (bird nesting time) the **law** says that it is **not permissible** to cut hedges from the 1st of March until the 31st of July.

Due to modern life, plane travel, fast international trade, global warming etc, our country, like the rest of the world is suffering from imported tree diseases, so if anyone sees anything unusual e.g. a healthy tree suddenly looking sick, please let me know.

If anyone else in the village would like to be involved in the Tree Warden work, please phone me.

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