# APPENDIX 1A

# BELLS FIELD RECREATION AREA COLEFORD, FOREST OF DEAN







# APPENDIX 1B

# BELLS FIELD RECREATION AREA COLEFORD, FOREST OF DEAN





# SECTION A-A: Amphitheatre and shelter

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# SECTION B-B: Amphitheatre and paths





SECTION D-D: Activity zone





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Code	Name	Grade	Planting density/m²	Quantity	Period period
CTRG	Crocus tommasinianus ' Ruby Giant'	Topsize 6/+	30	682	Jan-March
CTOA	Crocus tommasinianus albus	Topsize 6/+	30	682	Jan - March
GN	Galanthus nivalis	Topsize 6/+	30	3161	Jan
NFD	Narcissus 'Flower Drift'	Topsize 16/+	20	32	April
NP	Narcissus pseudonarcissus	Topsize 7/+	25	413	Spring

# APPENDIX 2

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Swale

KEY



Hydrobrake (with catch pit)



Permeable tarmac

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MUGA = Multi Use Games Area

Permeable paving blocks

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Underground pipe

French drain

Slot drainage channel

Sewer pipe

Cattle grid

For manhole positions refer to SMP drawings 6937-101 and



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Existing vegetation



Bulb planting 







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Native shrub planting

Ornamental shrub planting



Amenity grass



Meadow grass



Wildflower mix to pond and swales



Mown grass path



Stag beetle loggery

Bat or bird box



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Stone wall/pier



Railings



Railings with maintenance strip



Gabion baskets with seats to top



Post and rail timber fence



Chainlink fence



Knee rail



Acoustic fence



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Tarmac for vehicular overun

Vehicular gate

Handrails to steps



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Metal archway

Pedestrian barrier

Pedestrian gate

Kissing gate

Seat

Sign

Litter bin Dog waste bin

Bike rack

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KEY





Secondary vehicular route (fire engine, ambulance and maintenance)





Vehicular entrance point

Pedestrian

entrance point







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Gas pipe and easement



Electricity cable and easement



Cable duct to amphitheatre



Underground pipe for SUDS scheme



French drain Slot drain





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# APPENDIX 3

# BELLS FIELD RECREATION AREA COLEFORD, FOREST OF DEAN





# BELLS FIELD, COLEFORD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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# **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 This report has been prepared by Richard Tofts Ecology Ltd on behalf of Coleford Town Council. It sets out the results of an ecological appraisal of Bells Field, Coleford, Gloucestershire. The site centroid is located at OS grid reference S0580107.
- 1.2 The site consists of a grass field that was formerly used as a sports ground and is currently used for dog walking and other informal recreational activities. It was purchased by Coleford Town Council in 2014 and it is intended to apply for permission to create a formal recreational area on the site.
- 1.3 The present study was commissioned to characterise the ecology of the site, identify any ecological constraints affecting the area and to make recommendations for further work, ecological mitigation or enhancement as appropriate.



# 2.0 METHODS

- 2.1 The site was surveyed on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016 by Dr Richard Tofts, an ecologist with some thirty years of experience and a full member of CIEEM.
- 2.2 The entire site was carefully examined, and note was taken of the surrounding land and features insofar as this was possible from publicly accessible locations. A Phase 1 survey (JNCC, 2003) was undertaken, extended to include an assessment of protected species potential. Scientific names of plants are those adopted by Stace (1997). Names of fungi are those adopted by Legon & Henrici (2005). The identity of fungi was confirmed using a compound microscope as necessary.
- 2.3 A desk study was undertaken involving a request for records of protected/noteworthy species and statutory/non-statutory designated sites within a 2km radius of the site from the Gloucestershire Centre for Environmental Records.



# 3.0 RESULTS

## Desk Study

3.1 The site is not subject to any ecological or biodiversity designations. A list of sites with European, national and local designations within the 2km search area is given in Table 1.

Designation	Site	Distance from centre of Bells Field
SAC	Wye Valley & Forest of Dean Bat Sites	1290m
SSSI	Old Bow & Old Ham Mines	1290m
	Dingle Wood	1760m
KWS	Whitecliffe Recreation Ground	1050m
	Great Lambsquay Wood & Little Eddie's Wood	1380m
	Spion Cop Quarry	1805m
	Wimberry Quarries	1925m

**Table 1:** Desk study results. SAC – Special Area of Conservation (European designation); SSSI – Site of Special Scientific Interest (national designation); KWS – Key Wildlife Site (local designation).

- 3.2 In addition to the listed sites, there are eleven sites of potential Key Wildlife Site quality, the closest of which is Coleford Meadows 740m from the centre of Bells Field.
- 3.3 No protected species records relate to Bells Field. The most relevant records are considered in Section 4 of this report.

## Site

3.4 The habitats and features of the site are shown on the plan at the back of this report and are discussed below. Numbers in square brackets are cross-referenced between the plan and text.

## <u>Grassland</u>

- 3.5 The site is occupied by grassland at **[1]** that was formerly used as a sports field. It consists of a species-poor sward over much of its area (Figure 1, overleaf), being dominated by perennial rye-grass *Lolium perenne* and red fescue *Festuca rubra* with dandelion *Taraxacum* agg., daisy *Bellis perennis* and greater plantain *Plantago major* being present along the more disturbed or heavilyworn pathways. The grassland is classified as semi-improved neutral grassland on account of the species present and the past use. The area is mown and cuttings left in situ.
- 3.6 Parts of the sward are, however, somewhat more varied, particularly in the eastern part. Here, additional species include creeping buttercup *Ranunculus repens*, bulbous buttercup *Ranunculus bulbosus*, white clover *Trifolium repens*, ribwort plantain *Plantago lanceolata*, common cat's-ear *Hypochaeris radicata*, common ragwort *Senecio jacobaea*, self-heal *Prunella vulgaris*, Yorkshire fog



*Holcus lanatus* and the moss *Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus*. The waxcap *Hygrocybe virginea* and the agaric *Entoloma porphyrophaeum* (Figure 2) were also recorded, the latter in some abundance.



Figure 1: Grassland at [1].



**Figure 2:** The fungus *Entoloma porphyrophaeum* in grassland at [1].

3.7 The margins of the grassland are less intensively managed and appear to be occupied for some of the year by rank grassland although they too had been mown prior to the site visit. Around the edges are false oat-grass, *Arrhenatherum elatius*, cock's-foot *Dactylis glomerata*, creeping thistle *Cirsium arvense*, broad-leaved dock *Rumex obtusifolius*, ribwort plantain, great willowherb *Epilobium hirsutum* and the fungus *Bolbitius vitellinus*. At [2] there is an area of bracken *Pteridium aquilinum* encroachment along the edge of the field.



- 3.8 The site lacks significant tree cover, but scrub of common hawthorn *Crataegus monogyna*, holly *Ilex aquifolium*, elder *Sambucus nigra* and bramble *Rubus fruticosus* agg are present along parts of the site boundaries which are largely formed by wire fencing. At **[3]** there is suckering growth of a plum *Prunus* sp with common hawthorn and ivy *Hedera helix* also present.
- 3.9 The garden boundaries alongside the field are formed by a mixture of fences and hedges of various species including beech *Fagus sylvatica* and Leyland cypress *xCupressocyparis leylandii*.

## Fauna

3.10 A range of common bird species was seen around the site margins – blackbird *Turdus merula* (feeding on hawthorn berries), redwing *Turdus iliacus*, robin *Erithacus rubecula*, greenfinch *Carduelis chloris*, goldfinch *Carduelis carduelis*, blue tit *Cyanistes caeruleus*, house sparrow *Passer domesticus* and magpie *Pica pica*. Herring gull *Larus argentatus* was seen on the field itself.



# 4.0 DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 The site is not subject to any ecological designations. It consists mainly of grassland derived from a former sports field that is classed as semi-improved grassland. Much of this area is species-poor but the sward tends to be more diverse in the eastern part where the fungi *Entoloma porpyrophaeum* and *Hygrocybe nivea* were recorded. The latter is a commonly-encountered waxcap but the former, although not rare, tends to be found more commonly in grasslands of northern Britain and is more sparsely distributed in the south.
- 4.2 Several designated sites are situated within 2km of the site, ranging from the European protected 'Wye Valley & Forest of Dean Bat Sites' to several locally designated Key Wildlife Sites. The location and the nature of the proposals are such that they are not likely to cause adverse impacts to any designated sites.
- 4.3 The open and regularly-mown structure of the sward makes it unsuitable for reptiles, although grass snake *Natrix natrix*, adder *Vipera berus*, slow worm *Anguis fragilis* and common lizard *Zootoca vivipara* are recorded from the 2km desk study search area. Amphibians of several species including great crested newt *Triturus cristatus* are also recorded from the vicinity but the site is considered unsuitable as terrestrial habitat for amphibians on account of the open structure of the sward. The proposals are therefore not considered likely to result in impacts to these or any other protected species.
- 4.4 The creation of a recreational area brings various opportunities to enhance the area for wildlife, particularly by improving the structural diversity through planting locally native trees and shrubs. This would be of value particularly in the western part of the site and around the margins where the boundary is currently formed by wire fencing.
- 4.5 Where possible, it is recommended that examples of the sward in the eastern part of the site are retained and protected from disturbance and damage during the course of the works rather than removed and re-seeded after the works are complete. Longer term, it would be beneficial to manage the grassland by mowing and removing the arisings, either taking them off-site or creating a specific composting area in a location on the site boundary. Such a feature could provide a suitable egg-laying area for grass snake and provide habitat for other wildlife.
- 4.6 Additional measures to benefit wildlife include the provision of bird and bat boxes on the few trees around the site margins and the provision of a stag beetle *Lucanus cervus* loggery<sup>1</sup>. This latter protected species has recently been recorded from the locality.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For details of loggery construction, see eg <u>https://ptes.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Build-a-log-pile-for-stag-beetles.pdf</u>



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# APPENDIX 4

# BELLS FIELD RECREATION AREA COLEFORD, FOREST OF DEAN





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# Tree Survey & Hazard Assessment COLEFORD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE:

Coleford Cemetery King George's Field & Lord's Hill Playing Field Copley Drive & Sylvan Close Open Spaces, Coleford Forest Road & Foxglove Way Open Spaces, Milkwall Walnut Close, Coalway



Coleford Cemetery

Prepared for Coleford Town Council No. 2, The Town House, Lords Hill Walk, Coleford GL16 8BD

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# Tree Survey & Hazard Assessments

# COLEFORD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Carried out on behalf of

# **COLEFORD TOWN COUNCIL**

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PLEASE ALSO REFER TO THE TREE LOCATION PLANS PROVIDED



# **1** INTRODUCTION:

- 1.1 The following reports were commissioned by Annie Lapington, Town Clerk of Coleford Town Council. They provide assessments of the condition of major trees found growing within the areas indicated in site plans forward to me with respect to the following sites:
  - Coleford Cemetery, Coleford town
  - King George's Field, Coleford town
  - Lord's Hill Playing Field, Coleford town
  - Copley Drive Open Space, Coleford town
  - Sylvan Close Open Space, Coleford town
  - Forest Road Open Space, Milkwall
  - Foxglove Way Open Space, Milkwall
  - Walnut Close, Coalway
- 1.2 The areas in question are shown on the accompanying tree location plans on which all of the major trees are plotted. Some trees adjacent to and potentially influencing the survey area have also been assessed and recorded where it was felt that they represented significant problems, either actual or potential, in relation to the sites in question. However, as such inspections will usually be made from within the site only, conclusions will be provisional.
- 1.3 The report is based upon data collected on visits to the site made over several days in late July and early August 2016; weather conditions were good throughout, mostly with bright sunshine providing good visibility. The tree assessments comprised a visual inspection carried out from ground level only, using hand tools such probes and a sounding hammer where appropriate. The inspections were intended to identify distinct defects and other failure-prone characteristics of the trees and the sites in which they are growing, where these features might give rise to hazard. It must nevertheless be recognised that no tree is entirely safe, given the possibility that an exceptionally strong wind or other unusual circumstances could damage or uproot even a mechanically 'perfect' specimen<sup>1</sup>.
- 1.4 While every attempt has been made to provide a realistic and accurate assessment of the trees' condition at the time of inspection, no responsibility can be accepted for damage or injury sustained as a result of the failure of any tree due to faults not apparent upon a visual, ground level inspection carried out at this season, or to faults developing subsequent to the survey. Similarly, no liability can be accepted for the condition of trees that are obscured in part or in whole (e.g. by dense lvy or other foliage), nor for any that proved inaccessible to the inspector. Certain features which might provide evidence of ongoing decay or decline (such as seasonal fungal fruiting bodies, damage to foliage, insect emergence holes etc.) may not have been in evidence: Only those features that *are* apparent at the time of the inspection could be assessed. Please also note the inspector's Terms & Conditions for Arboricultural Consultancy Work.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Lonsdale (2000: see list of references and relevant texts provided below)



1.5 Where significant defects have been identified some recommendations for action may be provided. It should be appreciated that any such recommendations are in outline form only and do not constitute a detailed specification of any works that may be required. It is assumed that any tree surgery would be carried out by qualified and skilled arborists who would be able to interpret the recommendations in order to carry out necessary works in accordance with current Best Practice as set out in BS5837:2010.

## 2 Methodology

- 2.1 As noted in 1.2 above, the inspection is intended to identify distinct defects and other failure-prone characteristics of the trees in question. However the identification of a 'defect' associated with a tree does not tell us anything about the actual risk that it represents to person or property. In order to make a realistic risk assessment one needs to consider three distinct aspects of the situation, namely:
  - i) The likelihood that a failure, should it occur, will actually lead to any injury or damage. (i.e. are there vulnerable buildings or other structures within the potential 'target area'? If the tree is near a road, a driveway or a footpath, what is the frequency of use? How often are people, cars, bicycles etc. actually present in the area immediately around the tree?
  - ii) The size of the defective part (or, more specifically, how much damage would it cause were it to fail), and
  - iii) The likelihood that failure will actually occur (i.e. what is the *realistic probability* that the dead limb, decayed tree etc. will actually break in the foreseeable future)
- 2.2 With regard to point (i), when one considers the length of time that a pedestrian or a moving vehicle is actually within the area likely to be affected by a tree failure, this frequently amounts to no more than a matter of seconds. Furthermore, tree failure can occur at any time of the day or night throughout the year and for much of that time the frequency of occupation may be negligible. Although dependent upon the frequency of traffic within the 'target area', it is often the case that total time that a 'target' is present and potentially vulnerable to tree failure will be a very small proportion of the overall time during which a failure might occur. It may also be of significance that site usage rates, particularly by pedestrians, will be reduced at times of bad weather, when tree failures are more likely to occur. While the risk posed by trees should never be wholly disregarded, the level of safety that a situation demands must be set within the context of its environment. A tree at some distance from any building situated in a quiet side street will require considerable less stringent safety margins than would one growing in a town centre or alongside a busy road.
- 2.3 Within the methodology used in this report attempts are made to assess each of the three aspects described above. Point (i) is defined by a "Target Status" code allocated to each tree, determined by its location in relation to features that could prove susceptible to harm. Where a hazard has been identified in a tree, it's magnitude is defined by a "Hazard Code", while the "probability of hazard failure" is also designated a code. These factors are defined in more detail, along with the other parameters assessed in the appendix to this report. There are subjective elements to each of these factors, but the intention is to use them to provide an informed assessment of the priority that should be given to dealing with any given hazard.



## **Coleford Cemetery:**

(Tree Location Plans supplied separately in A3 size )

- i) No major defects were observed with most of the trees being in acceptable good condition, although a few defects are recorded that would benefit from attention. Most, however, are Low priority or discretionary.
- ii) The majority of the trees are conifers of a range of species, many of the larger specimens being upright columnar forms such as the Lawson cypress variety (*Chamaecyparis lawsoniana*)'Erecta Viridis'. A number of these are approaching late maturity with some having lost foliage near their bases and with the formal, tightly columnar forms beginning to spread and open out.
- iii) There are also many Irish Yews, the form of the common yew with an upright ('fastigiate') form. It was noted in earlier surveys that many of these trees had had self-sown hollies and other weed species growing in close proximity and suppressing the foliage of the yews. At the time of our inspection in 2013 most of the hollies had been cut down; however there as subsequently been quite a lot of regrowth. Further work to remove these weed species may be advisable; further regrowth might be prevented through the application of a suitable herbicide applied *carefully* to the *freshly cut* stumps, avoiding contamination of the soil or of the foliage of the primary trees.
- iv) The age structure of the tree population at the site is generally top heavy with most trees now in full to late maturity. With many trees (notably the various specimens of Lawson Cypress) having evidently been planted in the same period there will be a tendency for them all to begin to decline in appearance and/or safety at the same time. This may lead to a need for tree removals and an increased amount of tree surgery being needed to manage decline. It is therefore recommended that a long-term management strategy for the site includes the establishment of new trees to ensure a continuity of tree cover. Ideally this should be a continuing process with trees planted regularly every few years, thereby ensuring that in future there will always be a selection of younger specimens coming on to take the palace of others that have reached the ends of their safe, useful lives. While there are opportunities to carry out new planting in parts of the site where few trees present and the new trees will have enough room in which to develop, the strategic removal of some of the late-mature trees is also likely to be advisable in order to provide room for new specimens and so maintain the current attractive appearance of the site.



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# **Coleford Cemetery**

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1	<i>Thuja plicata</i> (Western Red Cedar)	L	м	М	Grp	1	G	One of 4 close-planted trees; suppressed on side adjacent to neighbouring tree. Somewhat sparse (low vigour)			Monitor	м
2	Thuja (W.Red Cedar)	L	м	м	Grp	1	G	As above			Monitor	М
3	Thuja (W.Red Cedar)	L	м	М	Grp	1	G	As above			Monitor	М
4	Thuja (W.Red Cedar)	L	м	м	Grp	1	G	As above			Monitor	М
5	Oak (Sessile or Durmast)	L	м	м	Std; Sprd	1	М	Minor deadwood.			Consider removal of dead wood.	D
6	Oak (Sessile or Durmast)	L	L	м	Std; Sprd	1	Н	Ivy covered stem.				
7	Oak (English or Pedunculate)	М	L	м	2-st	1	G	Minor deadwood.				
8	Ash	М	м	EM	Std	1	G	Third party tree near boundary				
9	Thuja (W.Red Cedar)	L	L	м	M-st	1	G					
10	(Copper) Beech	L	м	м	Std	1	G	<i>Purpurea</i> group - i.e. a 'copper' beech. (Low crown over track noted previously has been raised).				

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11	Silver Birch	М	м	м	Std	1	М	Old occluded wound at 1; some decay.			Monitor	М
12	Manna Ash	м	м	м	Std	1	м	Prolific growth of shoots around base.			Remove basal shoots	D
13	Oak (English or Pedunculate)	М	М	м	Std	1	G	Base growing over gravestone. Minor dead wood				
14	Lawson Cypress	L	L	LM	Uprt; Col	1	G					
15	Irish Yew	s	м	EM	Uprt; Col	1	м	Holly growing at base			Remove holly. (see par. iii)	D
16	Thuja (W.Red Cedar)	v	v	м	Std	1	G	Well-formed tree.				
17	Birch & Holly	Р	Р	Y	Grp	1	G	Self-sown saplings; too close to tree 16			Remove	D
18	Irish Yew	S	м	м	Uprt; Col	1	G					
19	Irish Yew	М	М	М	Uprt; Col	1	М	Holly growing around base.			Consider removing holly to improve Yew. (see par. iii)	D
20	Irish Yew	М	М	М	Uprt; Col	1	М	Weed (bramble) growth			Remove brambles	D
21	Holly	м	s	EM	2-stem	1	G	Fair but sparse foliage. Note other saplings under			Remove saplings to favour holly	D
22	Irish Yew	М	М	М	Uprt; Col	1	G					

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23	Irish Yew	s	М	М	Uprt; Col	1	М	Holly regrowing; also ivy.			Remove holly (see par. iii); Control ivy.	D
24	Irish Yew	s	М	М	Uprt; Col	1	G					
25	Irish Yew	s	м	М	Uprt; Col	1	м	Lower crown suppressed by holly regrowth		-	Remove holly (see par. iii)	D
26	Irish Yew	S	м	м	Uprt; Col	1	G					
27	Holly	м	S	м	M-st	1	G					
28	Holly	S	S	EM	M-st	1	G					
29	Irish Yew	S	м	М	Uprt; Col	1	М	Lower crown suppressed by holly regrowth			Remove holly (see par. iii)	D
30	Lawson Cypress (Yellow)	L	м	м	Std	1	G					
31	Holly	S	S	EM	Std	1	G					
32	Cypress (Cupressus)	м	м	м	Std	1	G					
33	Holly	м	м	м	M-st	1	G					
34	Irish Yew	s	s	EM	Uprt; Col	1	М	Very open crown on north side (suppressed by holly, now removed but re-growing)			Remove holly (see par. iii)	D

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35	Irish Yew	S	М	М	Uprt; Col	1	G					
36	Yew	S	м	EM	Std	1	G	Holly & Ivy at base			Remove holly (see par. iii)	D
37	Lawson Cypress	L	м	м	Std	1	м	(yellow-green) Some dieback of crown on south side.			Monitor.	М
38	Juniper	м	м	м	Uprt; Col	1	G					
39	Holly	s	S	Y	Std	1	М	Sparse foliage (ivy up stem); rather poor			Remove ivy to improve holly	D
40	Lawson Cypress (Blue)	L	м	М	Std	1	М	Good specimen tree, but note adjacent self-sown Lawson cypress (approx 3.5m); will compete with tree 40			Remove seedling tree	D
41	Lawson Cypress (variegated)	L	М	М	2-st	1	М	Gap in centre of upper crown; possible old failure or subsiding limb, but generally acceptable. Some reversion of foliage.			Monitor reversion (prune out if necessary.	D
42	Holly	S	s	Y	Std	1	м	Brambles & Ash growing from base.			Remove weed species	D
43	Irish Yew	S	м	м	Uprt; Col	1	G	Brambles			Remove brambles	D
44	Irish Yew	S	м	м	Uprt; Col	1	G	Ash sapling growing through tree			Remove Ash	D

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45	Lawson Cypress	L	L	LM	Uprt; Col; 3-st	1	LM	Ivy on lower stem. Various bark cracks and bulges in major boughs; cause uncertain, perhaps due to ingrown wire or else simply to growth irregularities in an ageing tree.				Monitor.	м
46	Sawara Cypress	L	м	м	2-st	1	G	Co-dominant stems from 4m.					
47	Holly	S	S	Y	Std	1	М	Evidently self-sown, growing within grave enclosure. Tree in good condition but may begin to damage stonework.				Monitor	м
48	Lawson Cypress	L	L	LM	Col; M-st	1	G	Bough lost on NE side with some decay. Large ascending boughs with transverse bark cracks at 2m (cf tree 45). Defects not currently regarded as structurally significant but monitoring advised.				Monitor.	м
49	Deodar Cedar	v	L	LM	Std	1	G	A fine specimen tree: shows good vitality with no significant defects observed. Minor deadwood but not a hazard.		•			
50	Irish Yew	S	м	м	Uprt; Col	1	G						
51	Lawson Cypress	L	L	м	M-st; Col	1	М	Self-sown sycamore re-growing from base.				Remove sycamore & prevent regrowth (see par. 3.3)	D
52	Yew	S	S	Y	M-st	1	G						

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53	Lawson Cypress	L	м	LM	Std	1	G	(Blue-green foliage)				
54	Lawson Cypress	L	L	м	2-st	1	М	Slight flaring at form at 2m; this growth pattern can be indicative of some potential weakness, but overall form of the tree and the union suggests fork retains acceptable strength.			Monitor.	м
55	Irish Yew	S	М	М	Uprt; Col	1	G					
56	Lawson Cypress	L	L	м	Col; M- st	1	LM	Ivy covering stem, but generally fair			Remove or sever ivy; monitor.	D
57	Lawson Cypress	L	L	м	Col; M- st	1	LM	Established ivy covering stem.			Sever ivy.	D
58	Irish Yew	s	S	EM	Uprt; Col	1	G	Holly, ivy etc.			Remove and treat weeds (see par. 3.3)	D
59	Lawson Cypress	L	L	LM	Col; M- st	1	G					
60	Lawson Cypress	L	L	м	Col; 2-st	1	G			Ì		
61	Lawson Cypress	L	М	LM	Col	1	G	Old fire damage at base.				
62	(Copper) Beech	L	L	LM	Std; Sprd	2	G	Growing on made up rocky ground in corner of site overhanging gardens. Old occluded pruning wounds and minor deadwood. Good specimen.				

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63	Horse Chestnut	М	м	EM	m-st	1	М	Rather poor multi-stemmed tree suppressed by growing under canopy of ash tree on adjacent land			Remove (or monitor)	D
64	Ash	L	М	М	Std	1	М	Mature tree on adjacent (school) grounds with significant overhang to site. Some deadwood over cemetery land			Remove dead wood over site	D
65	Thuja (W.Red Cedar)	v	L	LM	Std; M- st	1	G	Multi stemmed from 3m. Good specimen				
66	Thuja (W.Red Cedar)	L	М	М	Std	1	G					
67	Lawson Cypress	L	М	М	Std; 2-st	1	G	Co-dominant stems from 1.7m.				
68	Irish Yew	S	м	М	Uprt; Col	1	G					
69	Nootka Cypress	М	М	М	Std	1	G	Attractive, relatively uncommon specimen tree. Wider habit than typical of species, but good.				
70	Horse Chestnut	М	М	EM	Std	2	М	Rather poor. The bleeding canker noted previously now largely abated but tree is crowded by oak tree 67 (the better specimen); also overhangs the school playing field.			Consider removal (Monitor if retained)	D
71	Oak (English or Pedunculate)	М	М	EM	Std; Sprd; M-st	2	G	Multi stemmed from 3m. Overhangs school playing field.				
72	Norway Maple	М	М	М	Std	2	G	Overhangs school playing field.				

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73	Wild Cherry	М	L	LM	Std; Sprd	2	М	Wide-spreading old tree; overhangs school playing field. Note holly and Ash under canopy.			Remove ash	D
74	Wild Cherry	S	S	EM	Std	1	G					
75	Bird Cherry	м	м	м	Std	2	G	Overhangs school playing field.				
76	Indian Horse Chestnut	м	м	EM	Std	2	м	Uncommon specimen tree. Overhangs school playing field but good. Note self-set English horse chestnut growing at base			Remove English horse chestnut	D
77	Oak (Sessile or Durmast)	L	L	LM	Std; Sprd	2	М	Tree growing in adjacent school grounds but overhanging cemetery site. No significant defects observed but structure largely obscured by dense ivy.			Monitor	Μ
78	Purple-Leaved Plum	S	S	EM	Std; M- st	1	М	(small tree in NE sector) Very poor with very sparse foliage. No significant risk, but unsightly.			Remove	1
79	Dead tree (Prunus?)	м	м	м	Cllpsd	1	н	Dead or moribund tree, overwhelmed by ivy and largely collapsed (in very low-use/low-risk area)	3	4	Clear debris; make safe remaining trees.	1
80	Oak (English or Pedunculate)	s	S	Y	Std	1	G	Memorial tree in gravelled area.				
81	Yew	Р	Y	Y	M-st Sprd	1	G	Memorial tree.				

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82	Oak (English or Pedunculate)	Ρ	Р	Ρ	Sprd	1	G	Memorial sapling. Low spreading form. Note redundant stake & tie			Remove stake	D
83	Sawara Cypress	м	М	м	3-st	1	М	Dead foliage on southern side (possible fire damage); brambles, elder.			Clear weed species from around tree.	
84	Lawson Cypress	S	м	EM	2-st	1	G	Squat, compact crown.				
85	Portugal Laurel	м	м	м	Std	3	G					
86	Portugal Laurel	м	м	м	Std	3	G					
87	Portugal Laurel	м	м	м	Std	3	м	Decayed wound in stem at 1.5m. Very vigorous ivy			Monitor; control ivy	D
88	Portugal Laurel	М	М	м	Std	3	G					

#### AREAS & GROUPS OF TREES

ID no.	Predominant Species	Height (average or range)	<b>Diameter</b> (average or range)	Maturity	Target Status	Condition	General Notes &/or, Defect type [ <u>If M or H]</u>	Hazard Magnitude	Probability of Failure	Recommended action	Priority
A1	Ash, Cherry, Cherry-plum (purple-leafed), Leyland Cypress, Thuja etc.	M-L	Μ	м	0/1	м	Mix of trees forming a dense screen along NW boundary; some trees with considerable overhang to site; some rather poor (see tree 79) but overall low risk and acceptable			Monitor	м

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# King George's Field, Coleford

- A large area of open ground comprising well-managed mown grass with trees and hedges around the periphery. To the north-east is a 2m high i) managed hedge, predominantly of hawthorn with a few trees, the ownership of which is unclear. To the north/north-west is what appears to be an overgrown hedge composed of Hazel, Hawthorn, Field Maple, Holly etc, much of which overhangs the site quite considerably. Set beyond a broad, overgrown verge, it was not easily accessible but, with limited access, neither does it represent a significant risk. Where access was possible it was found that there was a double row and that this may at one time have been a green lane between fields, now very overgrown with a tangle of slender stems from numerous coppiced stools of hazel and other species. No significant hazard issues at this time, but some management is likely to be necessary in coming years,
- On the west/SW boundary is a belt of woodland, identified as W1. This includes hazel, field maple, hawthorn, ash, oak, goat willow etc, many of ii) which have been coppiced in the past. Trees reach about 16-18 metres, the average height being about 15m. There is a three to four metre overhang to the site with about 2.5-3 metres clearance.
- iii) Risk to the playing field is minimal due to the generally low target status of the nearby land; however a campsite is present to the west which when in use (notably during the summer months) when tents etc are pitched within a few metres of the woodland, must be regarded as a High target status area. Coppiced hazel predominates on the edge adjacent to the campsite; most are currently acceptable, but if they are permitted to grow uncontrolled there is likely to be an increasing risk of individual stems breaking out and falling. A few larger tree groups (ID numbers 6,7,8 & 9) are noted as being in need of attention or ongoing monitoring, but consideration might be given to re-coppicing some of the hazels and other trees near the campsite within the next four to six years.
- iv) A1 is a close-growing belt of largely self-set ash trees with an understorey of hazel, field maple and some sycamore. No specific hazard features were noted, but an overhead telephone cable runs though the canopies of the trees. This area is contiguous with a length of somewhat overgrown hawthorn hedge to the rear of the pavilion which continues along the south-eastern boundary in managed form.

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KING GEORGE'S FIELD

#### TREE SCHEDULE

See Appendix for explanation of codes etc.

ID no.	Species	Height	Diameter	Maturity	Form	Target Status	Condition	General Notes &/or, Defect type [ <u>If M or H]</u>	Hazard Magnitude	Probability of Failure	Recommended action	Priority
1	Ash	м	м	м	Std	1	М	Tree outside but overhanging site; appears good but ivy & secondary tree obscures structure				
2	Ash	М	М	М	Std; Grp	1	G	X2 trees- no significant hazards noted				
3	Ash	L	М	М	M-st	1	Н	Old coppice stool on far side of overgrown track; with multiple stems, one of which has broken away and fallen into field. Some possibility of further failures. (Low target status and thus low overall level of risk)	3	2	Clear fallen stem; assess remaining stems and treat accordingly (monitor or remove vulnerable stems) N.B. Ownership unclear	м
4	Ash	М	М	EM	3-st	1	G					
5	Ash	М	S	EM	Std	1	G					
6	Ash	М	М	EM	Lean	3	М	Apparently good but leaning to camp-site.			Monitor	М
7	Goat Willow	М	М	LM	M-st	3	Н	Old coppice stool with some stems leaning to camp site & with some decayed wounds.	3	2	Re-coppice stool	1
8	Ash	М	М	EM	M-st	3	G	5-stemmed coppice stool.			Monitor	М
9	Goat Willow	М	М	М	Сорр	1	Н	Old coppice stool with signs of decay, stems leaning to site.	3	2	Consider re-coppicing	1
10	Ash	М	М	М	M-st	1	G					
11	Ash	L	М	м	Std	1	G	(Note adjacent oak; on edge of area of woodland presumed to be under separate ownership).				

# See also notes on woodland W1 and area A1 in paragraphs ii to iv above

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# Lord's Hill Playing Field, Coleford town

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A large area of open, well-managed mown grass with all trees around the periphery. No major risk issues but some discretionary management works are advised. Note that the ownership of trees and hedges (notably groups G1 and G 6) is unclear and should be clarified if and when works on them may be proposed. Various shrubs, trees and hedges on west side (within adjacent properties) currently pose no significant risk to the playing field.

ID no.	Species	Height	Diameter	Maturity	Form	Target Status	Condition	General Notes &/or, Defect type [ <i>If M or H</i> ]	Hazard Magnitude	Probability of Failure	Recommended action	Priority
1	Ash	М	М	EM	Std	4	G	No significant defects observed				
2	Ash	М	М	EM	3-st	2	М	Largely overwhelmed by old man's beard ( <i>Clematis vitalba</i> ) and ivy; otherwise fair			Consider removing (or severing the stems of) the climbing plants	D
3	Hawthorn	S	S	EM	Std; Sprd	2	М	Completely overwhelmed by old man's beard.			Consider removing or severing stems of climber	D
4	Ash	М	М	EM	Std	3	G					
5	Ash	М	М	EM	Std	3	G					
6	Ash	м	М	м	Std	1	G	On far side of fence; condition good, although with quite dense ivy				
7	Ash	М	М	EM	Std	0	G	(Far side of fence)				
8	Hawthorn	S	М	М		0	G					
9	Hawthorn	S	М	М	Std	0	G					

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August 2016



LORD'S HILL PLAYING FIELD

## TREE SCHEDULE

# See Appendix for explanation of codes etc.

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ID no.	Species	Height	Diameter	Maturity	Form	Target Status	Condition	General Notes &/or, Defect type [ <u>If M or H]</u>	Hazard Magnitude	Probability of Failure	Recommended action	Priority
10	Ash	М	М	EM	Std	0	G					
11	Sycamore	М	М	EM	Std	0	G					
12	Holly	S	S	EM	Std	0	G					
13	Holly	S	S	EM	Std	0	G					
14	Hawthorn	S	S	М	Std	0	М	Smothered by ivy			Consider removing ivy	D
15	Hawthorn	S	S	М	Std	0	G	Ivy penetrating crown				м
16	Ash	М	L	М	Grp	1	G	Small group of ash trees; condition acceptable. (Area under group evidently used as a children's den, thus with an increase target status score.)				
17	Beech	м	М	EM	Sprd	2	G	Growing just beyond fence; low & dense but no significant risk issues noted				
18	Elder	S	S	LM	M-st	2	Н	Small tree in poor condition; very sparse with widespread dieback. Near pedestrian access; some hazard but not a major risk	1	3	Fell or coppice	1

(Groups & Areas of trees listed over page)

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LORD'S HILL PLAYING FIELD

#### TREE SCHEDULE

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G1	Leyland cypress and Thuja (Western Red Cedar)	L	м	М	Grp	2	G	A line of tall conifers; growing on far side of fence, thus possibly under ownership of adjoining landowner. No significant risk issues noted				
G2	Hawthorn	S	М	м	Std/ Grp	0	G	Approx. 6 trees; acceptable				
G3	Hawthorn	S	S	м	Std/ Grp	0	G	A length of overgrown hawthorn hedge, plants growing out to become a row of small trees. Much ivy; some dead wood etc. but no significant risk issues.				
G4	Holly & Hawthorn	S	S	М	Grp	0	G	Small group of hawthorns & holly. Fair				
G5	Hawthorn	S	S	М	Grp	0	G	Small group of hawthorns				
G6	Beech	S	S	EM	Grp	2	g	Overgrown beech hedge; untidy; near secondary access point but negligible risk				
G7	Wild Cherry	S	S	EM	Grp	1	М	Group of x4 cherries plus hawthorns & Prunus suckers/ seedlings: spreading towards field. No significant risk.			Some management (i.e. clearance of sucker growth) might be considered to control spread	D
G8	Plum	S	S	Ŷ	Grp	1	м	Extensive area of dense sucker growth. Some part- collapsed near garden of 55 Lord's Hill, but no significant risk of harm.			Consider tidying collapsed material and thinning or reducing group.	D

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# Copley Drive Open Space, Coleford town

A small area of open space. No significant hazard issues noted

ID no.	Species	Height	Diameter	Maturity	Form	Target Status	Condition	General Notes &/or, Defect type [ <u>If M or H]</u>	Hazard Magnitude	Probability of Failure	Recommended action	Priority
1	Ash	S	Ρ	Y	Std	3	G					
2	Cotoneaster	S	S	М	M-st; Sprd	2	G	Large shrub				
3	Purple-Leaved Norway Maple	М	Μ	М	Std	2	G					
4	Wild Cherry	М	Μ	М	Std	2	G					
5	Norway Maple	S	S	Y	Std	2	G	Topped at 2.5m				
6	Pine	Р	S	Y	Std	2	G	Small tree - mountain pine (Pinus mugo)				
7	Silver Birch	S	S	Y	Std	2	G					
8	Goat Willow	S	Μ	М	Std	3	G					

ID no.	Predominant Species	<b>Height</b> (average or range)	<b>Diameter</b> (average or range)	Maturity	Target Status	Condition	General Notes &/or, Defect type [ <u>If M or H]</u>	Hazard Magnitude	Probability of Failure	Recommended action	Priority
A1	Viburnum, crab apple, Hawthorn, Elder etc	М	S-M	M- LM	1/2	М	Thicket in SE corner, near public footpath; shrubs generally rather overgrown and somewhat untidy but no significant risk.			Monitor. (Carry out some formative pruning to tidy group)	M (D)

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## TREE SCHEDULE

# Sylvan Close Open Space & Play Area, Coleford town

A area of public open space. No major tree hazard issues noted

ID no.	Species	Height	Diameter	Maturity	Form	Target Status	Condition	General Notes &/or, Defect type [ <u>If M or H]</u>	Hazard Magnitude	Probability of Failure	Recommended action	Priority
1	Purple-Leaved Plum	S	S	EM	2-st	3	G	Twining stems (but acceptable)				
2	Silver Lime	М	S	EM	Std	4	G	Outside but near site; no significant risk to site				
3	Oak	L	L	м	Std	3	Η	Large, mature and significant tree. Condition generally good but some small dead wood (Significant largely in relation to presence of children's play area).	1	3	Clean out non-stable dead wood	1
4	Silver Birch	м	S	EM	Std; Grp	3	G					
5	Silver Birch	м	S	EM	Std; Grp	3	G	Group of three trees. No significant hazard issues				
6	Silver Birch	м	S	EM	Std; Grp	3	G	observed				

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Small fruit tree; poor form

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Flowering Cherry

Crab Apple

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Tree Condition Survey FOREST ROAD OPEN SPACE

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#### TREE SCHEDULE

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ID no.	Species	Height	Diameter	Maturity	Form	Target Status	Condition	General Notes &/or, Defect type [ <u>If M or H]</u>	Hazard Magnitude	Probability of Failure	Recommended action	Priority
9	Rowan	S	S	EM	Std	1	G					
10	Lime	М	м	EM	M-st	1	G	Poor form				
11	Hawthorn	S	S	М	M-st	2	Н	Ivy-smothered tree, largely obscured but apparently part-fallen. Ownership unclear.	2	3	Investigate / assess: removal probably advisable.	2
12	Lime	М	м	м	Lean	2	G	Acceptable				
13	Apple	Р	Р	Y	Std	1	G	Poor but negligible hazard				
14	Apple	Р	S	Y	Asym	1	G	Poor form				
15	Magnolia	S	S	Y	Std	1	G					
16	Scots Pine	S	S	Y	Std	1	G					
17	Ash	М	S	EM	Lean	2	G					
18	Ash	S	S	Y	Std; Lean	1	G					
19	Unknown	S	S	EM	Uprt	2	Н	Tall, ivy-covered stump, at risk of falling [possibly to adjacent garden]	2	4	Remove	2
20	Holly	S	S	EM	M-st	2	М	Some stems very sparse; some ivy-covered; poor, but low-risk			Consider cutting back to 2- 2.5 metres	D

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# Foxglove Way Open Space & Play Area, Milkwall

No *major* problems, but two trees (2 & 8) requiring attention and a number of others of rather poor form where some discretionary work and/or ongoing monitoring is advised. Most of these are within the area designated as A1: within this the main component trees are listed below although several other smaller trees and shrubs are also present. Due to their close-spacing many have developed partially suppressed, one-sided or drawn-up forms. They do not currently represent a serious hazard at this time, but consideration might be given to the long term future of this group, to involve the selective removal of poor specimens to provide more room in which the better trees could develop.

ID no.	Species	Height	Diameter	Maturity	Form	Target Status	Condition	General Notes &/or, Defect type [ <i>If M or H</i> ]	Hazard Magnitude	Probability of Failure	Recommended action	Priority
1	Ash	L	М	М	Std	2	G	Extensive old bark damage on trunk, but not significantly hazardous: acceptable				
2	Flowering Cherry	S	S	EM	Std	3	Η	Very sparse foliage; some evidence of poor root structure [severely undercut on one side]. Slight movement evident at base: possible instability. No evidence of imminent collapse, but checking advised.	2	3	Test stability. If in doubt, consider removal (or monitor)	2
3	Lime	М	М	EM	Std	3	М	Poor clonal form with several potentially weak forks with included bark			Monitor for any signs of splits developing at forks	м
4	Lime	м	М	EM	Std	3	М	As above: with significant bark-included forks.			Monitor for any signs of splits developing at forks	м
5	Horse Chestnut	М	S	Y	Std	3	G					
6	Lime	S	М	Y	Asym; Mxd	3	G	Poor form (note the closely adjacent Holly and Cotoneaster)				

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FOXGLOVE WAY PLAY AREA

#### TREE SCHEDULE

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7	Tamerisk	S	S	EM	Lean	2	М	Leaning - very sparse.			Monitor (consider removing/replacing)	D
8	Ash	S	Ρ	Y	Std	2	Н	Small dead tree	2	3	Fell	2
9	Scots Pine	м	S	Y	Grp	2	G	X2 trees within group A1; acceptable (but see introductory note).				
10	Horse Chestnut	М	S	EM	Grp	2	G	Acceptable (see introductory note)				
11	Scots Pine	М	S	Y	Slndr	2	G	within group A1; acceptable (see introductory note)				
12	Cherry Plum	S	S	EM	2-st	2	G	Rather low over footpath (see introductory note)				
13	Lime	М	М	м	Grp	2	G	Fair (see introductory note)				
14	Walnut	S	S	Y	2-st	2	G	Fair (see introductory note)				
15	Walnut	М	М	EM	Std	3	G	(see introductory note)				
16	Cherry Plum	S	S	EM	M-st; Asym	2	G	Acceptable as a group tree(see introductory note)				
17	Lime	М	S	EM	Uprt	2	G	Somewhat drawn-up (see introductory note)				
18	Lime	М	S	Y	Uprt	2	G	Somewhat drawn-up (see introductory note)				
19	Scots Pine	М	S	Y	Std; Lean	2	G	Within group A1; acceptable (but see introductory note)				

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Work recommended (e.g. within 1-9 months



FOXGLOVE WAY PLAY AREA

#### TREE SCHEDULE

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ID no.	Species	Height	Diameter	Maturity	Form	Target Status	Condition	General Notes &/or, Defect type [ <u>If M or H]</u>	Hazard Magnitude	Probability of Failure	Recommended action	Priority
20	5-needled Pine	М	М	EM	Std	3	G	Eastern white pine (Pinus strobus)				
21	5-needled Pine	М	Μ	EM	Std	3	G	Eastern white pine (Pinus strobus)				
22	Scots Pine	М	S	EM	Std	3	М	Minor dead wood				
23	Beech	М	S	Y	Asym	3	М	Growing under large oak and developing asymmetrically as a result; unlikely to grow to maturity satisfactorily. Partially obscuring street light.			Good condition but consider removal within 3-5 years	м
24	Hupeh Rowan	S	S	Y	Std	2	G					
25	Oak	L	L	М	Std	2	G	Good specimen [some minor dead wood]				
26	Scots Pine	М	S	EM	Std	2	G	Minor dead wood				
27	Scots Pine	S	S	EM	Std	2	G					

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# TREE SCHEDULE

# Walnut Close, Coalway

A single tree present:





2	Species	Height	Diameter	Maturity	Form	Target Status	Condition	General Notes &/or, Defect type [ <u>If M or H]</u>	Hazard Magnitude	Probability of Failure	Recommended action	Priority	
1	Walnut	М	L	LM	Std	3	Μ	This is an important, local landmark tree; healthy & vigorous but extensively hollow, in main stem and in certain limbs. As can be seen in the photo above, the area under is well used (in clement weather anyway). The tree currently appears to be generally stable but it must be appreciated that at some point a branch <i>will</i> fail. This is most likely to occur in bad weather when the land under is least likely to be occupied. However <i>absolute safety cannot be assured</i> . In view of the significance of the tree it is suggested that residents' opinions be sought regarding its future management.	3	2	Options: 1) Retain with due caution [avoid stormy conditions] 2) Carry out a 15-20% crown reduction. 3) Fell The planting of a replacement trees should be carried out at the first opportunity	2	



#### <u>Height:</u>

Ρ	saPling:	Trees under 3.5m (<11')
S	Small;	Between 3m & 8m (10'-26')
Μ	Medium;	Between 7.5m & 15m (25'-50')
L	Large;	Between 14m & 23m (45'-75')
V	Very Large;	Trees over 22m (>75')

#### **Diameter:**

- P saPling: Diameter under 7.5cm (<3")
- S Small: Between 7.5cm & 30 cm (3" -1')
- M Medium: Between 30cm & 75cm (1' -2'6")
- L Large: Between 75cm & 125cm (2'6" -4')
- V Very Large: Over 125cm (Over 4')
- <u>Maturity:</u> Necessarily subjective and based on the appearance of the trees, not on their chronological age; (Note: "SULE" = Safe, Useful Expected Lifespan. May vary between species & with other circumstances.)
  - P Sapling or newly Planted tree; not fully established. (Transplantable or easily replaced.)
  - Y Young: Establishing; usually with good vigour, but as yet of limited landscape value.
  - EM Early-Mature; established; normally vigorous & increasing in height. Of increasing landscape value.
  - M Mature; Well established trees around the middle half of their SULE and retaining good vigour. Achieving full height but their crowns still spreading.
  - LM Late-mature: Fully established trees, generally retaining moderate vigour but growth slowing.
  - O Old: Fully mature trees in last quarter of their SULE; vigour declining.
  - A Ancient: Very old; low vigour; liable to decline. May include important Veteran Trees.
  - **NOTE:** Where groups or areas of trees are considered collectively, the same codes are used to describe the general character of the majority of the trees, or the range of sizes found within the stand (e.g. S-L = Small to Large; Y-M = Young to Mature).

<u> Form: -</u>	(A brief overview of the trees' general form & disposition.)
Std	<ul> <li><u>Standard</u>: a tree of 'typical' form with a single stem and a more or less domed or rounded crown.</li> </ul>
Uprt	- Upright: Trees with a pyramidal or upright form, noticeably taller than broad.
Col	- <u>Columnar</u> : Trees with a narrow, more strictly upright or fastigiate form.
Sprd	<ul> <li><u>Spreading</u>: Specimens with a more spreading branch structure, with canopies as broad or broader than they are high.</li> </ul>
2-st	- <u>Twin-stemmed</u> : Trees that fork into two main sub-stems at or near ground level.
3-st	- <u>Three-stemmed</u> : Trees that divide into three main sub-stems at or near ground level.
M-st	<ul> <li><u>Multi-stemmed</u>: Trees with four or more co-dominant sub-stems arising from near ground level.</li> </ul>
Poll	<ul> <li><u>Pollarded</u>: Trees that at some stage have been lopped at some distance above ground level and now show a structure typically with numerous boughs ascending from the old pollard-point; (note that decay may arise at old pollard-points.)</li> </ul>
Сорр	<ul> <li><u>Coppiced</u>: Trees that have been cut to near ground level and so caused to re-grow with several co-dominant sub-stems, forming a more or less dense 'clump'.</li> </ul>
Scrn	<ul> <li><u>Screen</u>: Trees managed to form a hedge or screen</li> </ul>
Lean	- Leaning: Trees whose stems show a significant lean.
Asym	- Asymmetric: Trees with a markedly asymmetric or unbalanced crown
Grp	<ul> <li><u>Group tree</u>: An individual whose form has been influenced by close-growing neighbours; acceptable within that grouping but potentially unsuitable as an isolated specimen.</li> </ul>
SIndr	- <u>Slender</u> stem (Height: Diameter ratio significantly greater than 30)
Weep	<ul> <li>Weeping or strongly drooping shoots</li> </ul>
Trm	<ul> <li><u>Trimmed</u>: Trees whose present form &amp; size has been the result of regular trimming (e.g. topiary)</li> </ul>
Stmp	<ul> <li><u>Stump</u> of tree remaining only (includes trees cut back to their <u>stock</u>, i.e. high stump, with or without branch stubs)</li> </ul>
Dmgd	<ul> <li><u>Damaged</u>: Form impaired through tree having suffered significant structural damage (e.g. top lost)</li> </ul>
Clpsd	- <u>Collapsed</u> : A tree in a state of partial or complete collapse: major branch/stem failure and/or partly or fully uprooted

Mxd. - Mixed: Groups or Areas of trees with a range of forms (none extreme).



# Target Status (T/S):

This is an estimate, largely based on appearances at the time of inspection, of the perceived target occupancy of the area around a tree, i.e. how probable is it that a "target" will be present should some form of failure occur, considered together with an estimate of the seriousness of the possible consequences of such a failure, i.e. the vulnerability of the potential target to harm.

Thus any substantial tree near a busy road, where a failure could cause a serious accident, would have a High target status, while a tree in an open field would have a low score, even if it were in poor condition. However a relatively fragile structure, such as a prefabricated office or temporary classroom unit, may demand a High target status, even if the frequency of occupation is only moderate.

The Target Status is essentially independent of the other parameters, being a reflection of the tree's external environment. However the score of a tree may be reduced where its youth and small size indicate that failure is highly unlikely to result in damage. In such cases the score may be increased over time, as the tree grows. By contrast there are certain site types, including school premises and certain commercial leisure venues, where there may be a heightened duty of care, which may be accounted for by assuming a Target Status that is slightly above that which would reflect the actual, objective level of target occupancy.

The examples of site types given below are representative but are not exhaustive.

- <u>Negligible</u> target occupancy; very low risk of harm being caused. (e.g. low-use parts of open spaces & woodland)
- **1** <u>Low</u> target occupancy: (e.g. Parts of amenity areas away from main footpaths; peripheral parts of parks, playing fields etc.)
- 2 <u>Moderate</u> target occupancy (e.g. intermittently occupied areas; near moderate-use foot-paths, quiet side roads and private gardens; trees near unoccupied/low-value buildings etc.)
- **3** <u>Significant</u> target occupancy (e.g., Near well-used footpaths, playgrounds, access routes & secondary roads. Most car parking areas. Trees over low-occupancy buildings and structures not liable to major damage in the event of tree failure)
- 4 <u>High</u> target occupancy (e.g. high-use footpaths and play areas; main access and assembly areas; near busy roads & car-parks; near high-occupancy buildings & structures liable to significant damage in the event of tree failure.)
- 5 <u>Permanent</u> target occupancy (e.g. trees close to vulnerable, permanently occupied structures, or in other areas where tree failure is likely to lead to serious injury or damage, such as near fast trunk roads, in town centres etc.)

# **Condition:**

- **G** Good: No significant defects noted. Trees classified thus are not considered further, (although additional comments may be provided in the "Notes" column).
- **M Management or Minor issues:** Minor or *potential* problems/defects observed, but not such that is likely to represent a significant hazard within the next three years (or within the routine inspection cycle, whichever is the shortest). Also, trees where work may be advisable to abate an immediate or foreseeable *nuisance*, or where preventative formative pruning would be significantly beneficial.
- **H** A Hazard (a feature that has some potential to cause harm)
  - If the Condition Code is either <u>M or H</u> the following parameter is included:

**Defect Description &/or General Notes:** Brief notes identifying notable characteristics including the nature and location of any hazard, defect or other significant factor.

 In cases where a Hazard has been identified (i.e. condition code = H) the Magnitude of Hazard & Probability of Hazard Failure, are both assessed, as defined below:

#### Hazard Magnitude:

In considering the feature giving rise to hazard, what degree of harm is likely to arise if it were to fail and find a target?

			Approx. size
Hazar	d Magnitude	Degree of likely/possible harm	of part at risk
1.	Minor:	Defective material small; unlikely to result in more than minor injury or easily repairable damage to objects or structures.	(<50mm)
2.	Moderate:	Some possibility of injury requiring first aid; damage to objects or structures generally repairable at moderate cost.	(50-150mm)
3.	Significant:	Injury requiring hospitalisation possible; buildings etc. liable to structural damage; vehicles liable to be rendered unusable.	(150 – 300mm)
4.	Large:	Severe disabling or even fatal injuries; significant structural damage likely to structures and vehicles.	(300-750mm)
5.	Major:	Single or multiple fatalities likely; major structural damage; vehicles crushed.	(>750mm)

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# Probability of Hazard Failure:

Based on the condition of tree or its defective part, on the species characteristics, on its location and exposure and other factors deemed to be significant, within what period might failure reasonably be expected to occur?

N.B. Given the large number of variables that may determine when a tree might fail (e.g. weather conditions; severity of tissue degradation; further damage occurring; alterations in environment, including increased exposure etc. etc.) it is impossible to specify the probability of failure with any accuracy. The following categories are intended to provide guidance based on the conditions & circumstances at the time of the inspection, and assuming that weather conditions will not exceed what might reasonably be considered to be the 'normal' range to be expected in the locality. The time-scales indicated are thus indicative only; they do <u>not</u> indicate periods over which the defects may be considered 'safe'!

- **1. Low:** Defects effectively stable and unlikely to deteriorate in the foreseeable future (e.g. failure not probable for at least 3-5 years)
- **2. Developing:** Failure foreseeable but not likely to occur soon (e.g. *within* 3-5 years).
- **3. Moderate:** Failure considered to be moderately likely to occur (e.g. within 1-3 years)
- 4. Probable: Failure considered to be probable (e.g. within 1 year)
- 5. Imminent: Failure likely to occur at any time

## Notes / Action:

Brief details of any action that may be recommended or suggested for any tree. All works commissioned should conform to **BS3998:2010 – Tree works-Recommendations**.

The present survey does not give an opportunity for the detailed assessment of each tree and in certain cases further investigations, such as a climbing assessment or decay mapping may be advised. A Client Inspection may also be advised where work proposed may be controversial, or where a number of alternative options may be considered

# Priority:

The **<u>Priority code</u>** provides guidance as to the degree of urgency with any recommended operation should be attended and, in the case of identified hazards, it will be based on consideration of the Target Status, the Magnitude of Hazard and the Likelihood of Failure.

It is recommended that all works with a code of 1 or more be dealt with at the first opportunity, but where there are other limiting constraints (e.g. the availability of funds), operations should be prioritised as indicated.

Operations meriting Priority Codes 4 or 5 will normally be communicated to the client immediately (i.e. prior to the submission of a written report).

(Where the tree in question is considered to be of particularly high amenity value, and a defect threatens its well-being or survival, it may be given an upgraded priority rating even if there is no major risk of harm to person or property.)

<b>0</b> (or not set) -	No action deemed necessary on the basis of this inspection
M <u>Monitor</u>	Hazard, health or other factor identified which is not deemed to require positive action at this time but to which future assessments should pay particular attention.
D <u>Discretionary</u> :	Risk to person/property below action level but work nonetheless recommended; includes problems of nuisance & those currently minor or incipient. (Note: this may include matters where timely action may be cost-effective by preventing more serious problems developing.)
1 Low priority:	٦
2 Medium priority	Remedial or Preventative work is required
3 <u>High priority:</u>	
	Attention required without delay       Serious risk of         significant harm: attend within a MAXIMUM of 5 days

(\* Note: Such cases would normally be notified to the relevant authority immediately and should therefore have been dealt with by the time the written report is received.).



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# TREE LOCATION PLANS

1 Coleford Cemetery (Ordnance Survey base)

1A Coleford Cemetery (Google Earth image base)

2 King George's Field

3 Lord's Hill

- 4 Copley Drive
- 5 Sylvan Close
- 6 Forest Road
- 7 Foxglove Way

(Note: Plan for Walnut Tree Close included with text)















