

Steeple Ashton Parish Council Tree Inspection Report of Newleaze play area, St Mary's playing field & Acreshort park

17th March 2026

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Tree No & area	Species	Age Class specific to species	Condition	Work recommended	Risk colour/timeframe	Cost £ + VAT
Newleaze play area						
816	Norway maple	M	Good.	Nil	Low	N/A
933	Ash	M	Good.	Nil	Low	N/A
803	Norway maple	M	Good.	Nil	Low	N/A
809	Horse chestnut	M	Good.	Nil	Low	N/A
821	Lombardy poplar	M	Good.	Nil	Low	N/A
819	Lombardy poplar	M	Good.	Nil	Low	N/A
921	Lombardy poplar	M	Good.	Nil	Low	N/A
796	Ash	M	Good.	Nil	Low	N/A
St Mary's playing field						

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786	Cherry	M	Good.	Nil	Low	N/A
785	Oak	M	Good	Nil	Low	N/A
G2	Mixed species	Y	Good.	Nil	Low	N/A
783	Ash	M	Good.	Nil	Low	N/A
780	Lime	M	Good	Nil	Low	N/A
779	Poplar	M	Minor deadwood in canopy but in low risk area.	Nil	Low	N/A
778	Group of poplar stems	M	Leaning stems but in low risk area.	Nil	Low	N/A
Acreshort park						
775	Crab apple	M	Good	Nil	Low	N/A
774	Hawthorn	M	Fair. Thinning old tree for species.	Nil	Low	N/A
773	Amelanchier	M	Good	Nil	Low	N/A

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772	Purple plum	M	Good	Nil	Low	N/A
771	Cherry sp	SM	Good	Nil	Low	N/A
770	Cherry sp	SM	Good	Nil	Low	N/A
769	Rowan	M	Poor. Bark death on main stem and up the canopy framework. Fungal disease ingress on south side of base of stem In decline.	Remove to ground level.	Medium/ within 6 months	£135 + VAT
768	Ash	M	Advanced ash die back (ADB). Seen in canopy with epicormic stress shoots but also on main stem where there are clear vertical lines of the main trunk being killed. Tree is resisting with reaction wood to repair the damage but for how long.	Reduce the canopy by 4m all over to allow for re-generation (has been proven to help infected ash trees)	Medium/ within 6 months	£480 + VAT
G3	Elder/ hazel/ hawthorn group	M	Good	Nil	Low	N/A
767	Field maple	M	Good	Nil	Low	N/A
766	Field maple	M	Tree made up of 2 main stems from ground level. One stem has split from the base to 2m in half, with one half resting on the other stem.	Remove the split stem to ground level.	High/ within 8 weeks	£405 + VAT
765	Ash	M	Good	Monitor for ADB in June	Low	N/A
0005	Weeping silver birch	M	Good. Minor deadwood in canopy	Nil	Low	N/A

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0006	Weeping pear	M	Good	Nil	Low	N/A
0003	Weeping cherry	SM	Good	Nil	Low	N/A
0007	Scot's pine	SM	Good	Nil	Low	N/A
0004	Plum sp	SM	Good	Nil	Low	N/A
0001/0002	Himalayan birch	SM	Good	Nil	Low	N/A

Tree numbers: relate to the tree locations on the map. RAG colours represented on the map for easy visual location recognition.

Age Class:

Y = young (under 10 years)

SM = semi mature (10 - 30 years)

M = depended on species 20+ years

V = veteran

Low = low risk of failure, should undertake as a precaution or for good tree husbandry.

Medium = moderate risk of failure and should be undertaken within 6 - 12 months as further growth and added weight within the crown may cause failures.

High = high risk of failure and should be undertaken at earliest opportunity.

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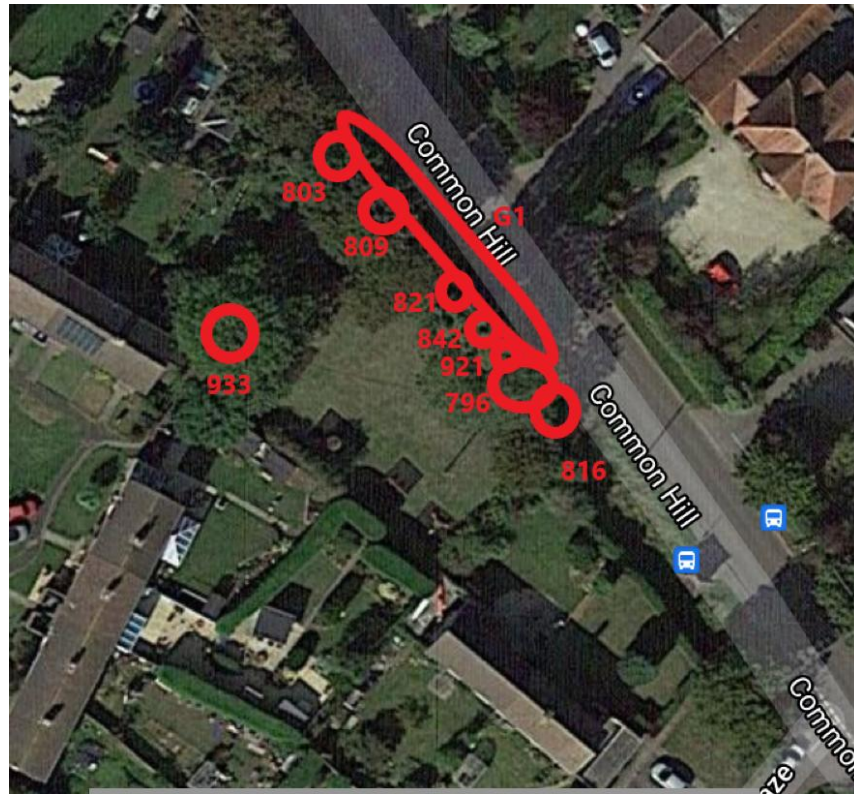
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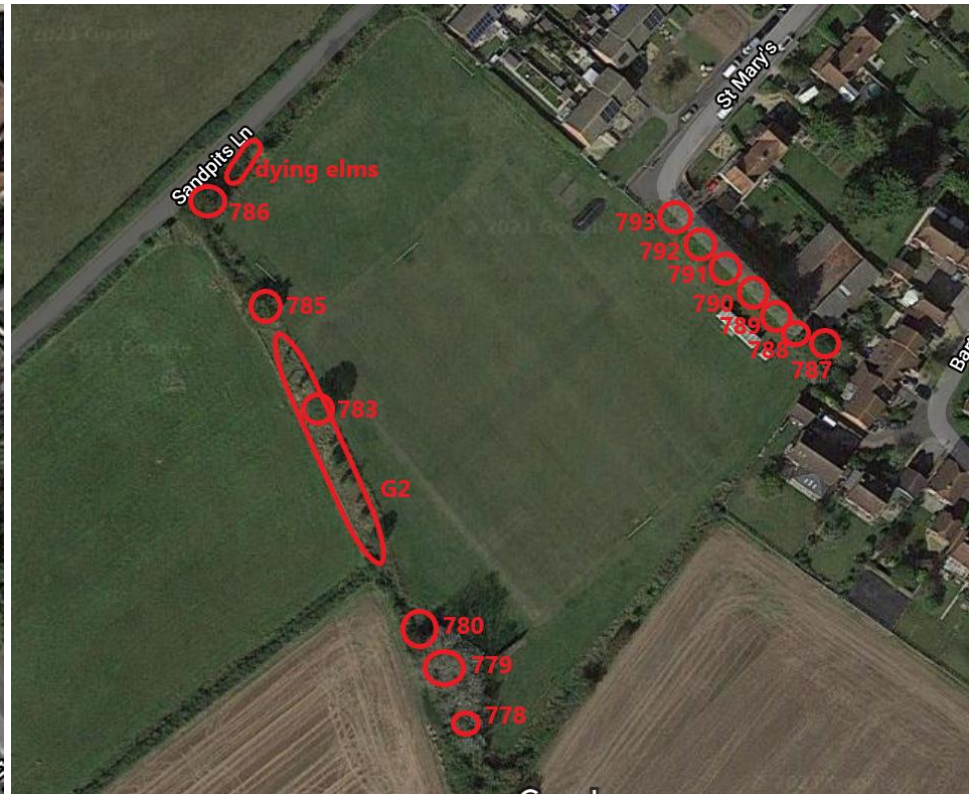
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Tree location maps:
Newleaze play area



St Mary's playing field



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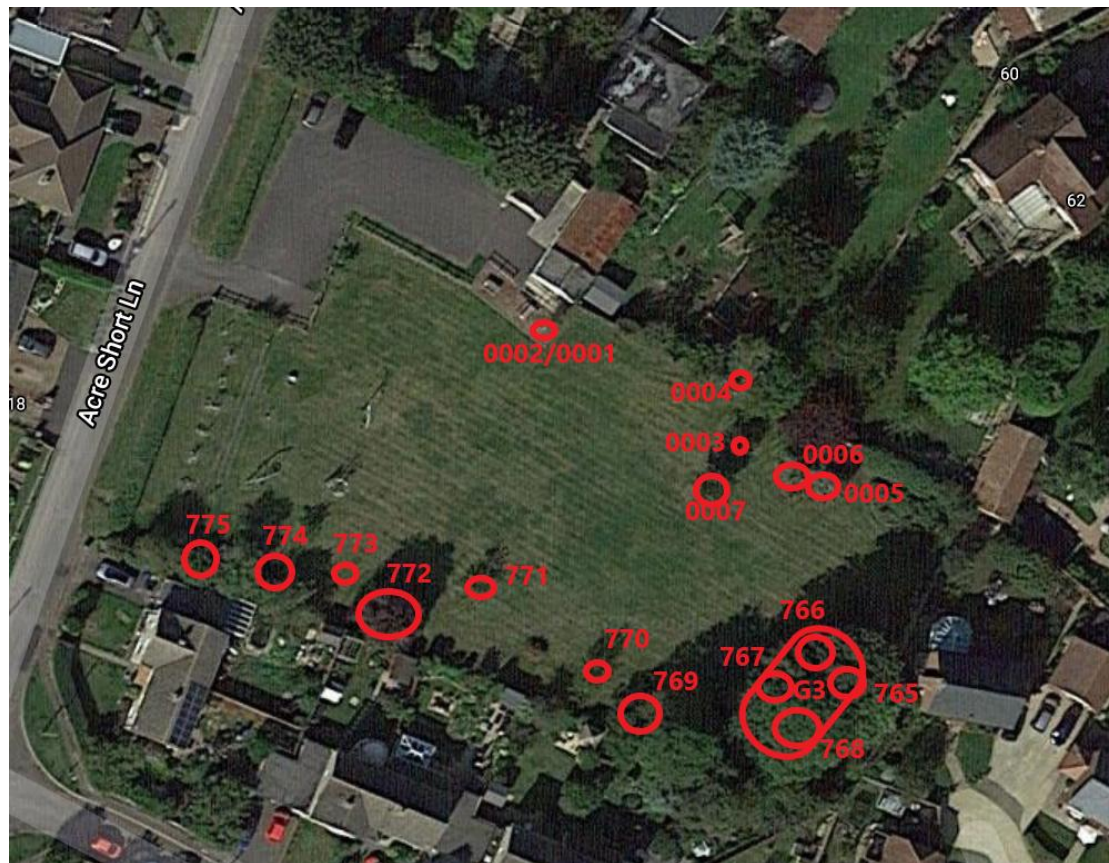
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Acreshort park



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Report Limitations

Trees are living, dynamic organisms that can be affected by external conditions. It is therefore not possible to state with any certainty that a tree is safe.

No internal decay devices, or other invasive tools to assess tree condition, were used. No soil excavation or root inspection was undertaken.

Tree condition can change rapidly, the recommendations contained within this report are based on the condition of the tree at the time they were inspected.

Legal duty

It is the responsibility of the tree owner to ensure that their tree(s) is in a safe and stable condition, including the effects of root activity, through duty of care in the Occupiers Liability Act (1957 & 1984).

The Wildlife and Countryside Act, 1981 makes it an offence to disturb a nesting bird or recklessly endanger a bat or its roost. Professional advice should be sought, where relevant, before undertaking any recommended works.

Nesting season begins around the end of February and can continue into early September.

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