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**VISUAL TREE INSPECTION OF AN OAK TREE AT 64,
SUTHERLAND CRESCENT, CHIPPENHAM.**



**Prepared for:
Mr. Vincent Brown,
64, Sutherland Crescent,
Chippenham,
SN14 6RS**

4th of August 2024

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Site Address: 64, Sutherland Crescent, Chippenham, SN14 6RS.

Client: Mr. Vincent Brown

Instruction: Carry out Visual Tree Assessment on an Oak tree at the above address.

Survey: Date of survey: 4th of August 2026. Conditions were dry and sunny.
Survey was undertaken from the ground with the aid of binoculars.

Tree

Species: English Oak (*Quercus robur*)

Height 7m Diameter 935mm Crown Spread 6m

Tree Preservation order

This tree is within Wiltshire Council control and is covered by TPO 18/06866/TPO.

General Observations:

The tree is in the rear garden of the property, 8m east of the property. A wooden shed is 1.3m east and neighbouring properties, 65 Sutherland Crescent, 6m northeast and 63, Sutherland Crescent, 10m northwest. The garden of the neighbours is 3m north and a greenhouse, 2m northwest. No faults were observed at the base of the tree. Tap tests were carried out with a mallet. This tap test showed some bark de-lamination at the base of the stem to the south. The crown breaks away from the stem at 3m above ground level (agl). Around the crown break, numerous limbs have been removed historically, to the northwest, northeast, southeast and 2 to the south. None of the remaining branch stubs appears decayed. Historically the crown has been reduced. Mr. Brown told me the tree had been reduced several times since he has lived there. The last time the tree was reduced was in 2023. Branches are growing over the neighbour's garden to the north and over the neighbours drive to the east and close to No 64 in the west. The crown appears normal with good vigour. Mr Brown told me there had been lots of ants on the most westerly branch. Below the most westerly branch was lots of detritus and aphid waste. It is most likely that the ants have been feeding on the aphids.

Overall, the tree is in good, safe condition.

Conclusions:

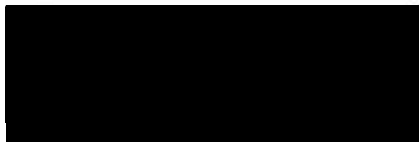
The tree is probably over 100 years old and precedes the surrounding houses by many years. If any damage was done to the tree during construction, it is not showing signs now. This mature tree looks healthy and normal with many more years potential.

Recommendations:

Although the tree is healthy, it is very close to 3 properties. Historically, the tree has been periodically reduced, and it would be prudent to continue this. Reducing the crown reduces the area of the crown which decreases the effects of the wind on the tree. Smaller, more frequent reductions are less harmful than less frequent larger reductions.

The crown should be reduced all around back to previous pruning points. This work to be carried out within 6 months by a fully qualified and insured tree surgeon working to BS3998 (2010), Tree work.

The tree should be re-inspected in 3 years or sooner if the tree shows signs of decline.



Vince Cainey BSc
7th of September 2026