



## Report to Town Council

<b>Subject:</b>	Trees on the Green
<b>From:</b>	LW
<b>Date:</b>	17/07/2024
<b>For information only</b>	
<b>Summary of decisions or actions requested (including timing):</b>	
<b>Financial implications: cost of pruning trees</b>	
<b>Communications:</b>	

### Background:

#### Trees on the Green

Following extensive research, I have found that the trees (marked with a blue cross in the map) have no owner.



Residents have contacted me many times explaining that they are dangerous and could come down at any time. I have asked Nick Dalby at WODC (the tree officer) several times if he can come out and give advice (on the state of the trees) but he has now retired. WODC is in the process of appointing a new officer.

In the meantime as we are in a conservation area, if we wanted to do any work on the trees (which would need agreeing in itself as we don't own the trees or the land) we have to put in a trees in conservation application: <https://www.westoxon.gov.uk/environment/landscape-and-grounds-maintenance/protected-trees/>

**Proposal:**

- **To take responsibility for these trees**
- **To apply for trees in conservation permission**
- **To arrange/pay for trees to be pruned**

**If proposal is not agreed, then to agree a statement to be sent to residents**