

# TARPORLEY PARISH COUNCIL

## Tree Policy

### Introduction

Trees help to add variety to our landscape and provide valuable habitats for many species while providing us with cleaner, filtered air. The Parish Council aims to preserve the trees in Tarporley for future generations to enjoy.

The Parish Council owns and is responsible for the following trees:

- On Brook Road Playing Field and Nature Park
- In the Parish Council Cemetery
- At the allotments and bowling green
- The chestnut tree on the High Street
- Playing Field at rear of Tarporley Community Center

The Parish Council takes seriously its obligation to maintain and preserve the trees it is responsible for and employs qualified specialists to undertake tree surveys as required and undertakes the work recommended. It is Parish Council policy to regularly survey our trees, however, if residents have concerns regarding the condition of trees, they should contact the Council by emailing [clerk@tarporley.org.uk](mailto:clerk@tarporley.org.uk) or in an emergency call 01948 861035.

The trees will be inspected as appropriate and if work is required this will be carried out.

### Policy for Trees owned or the responsibility of the Parish Council.

It is our policy to have Parish Council-owned trees surveyed regularly by a qualified arboriculturist and to maintain our trees by:

- Removing dead, dying and dangerous trees
- Removing dangerous and damaged limbs

### Work not Undertaken by the Parish Council

Tarporley Parish Council will not undertake work or fund work on trees unless they have been identified as dangerous or in a poor condition by a qualified arboriculturist. The Parish Council reserves the right to ask the Council's own specialist to review any such trees or any report by another body.

The Parish Council has no obligation to carry out the following tree work:

- Cut back branches overhanging private property
- 'Top' trees or remove branches to increase daylight or decrease height in relation to property
- Remove branches or trees affecting views or interfering with TV reception
- Remove branches or trees to prevent falling leaves, honeydew from aphids or other minor debris
- Remove roots from drains or repair root damage to structures, where the tree has not been clearly demonstrated to be the principle cause
- Remove branches or trees to prevent potential root damage to structures
- Remove branches nearly touching buildings, walls, roofs, fences etc.
- Remove branches or trees to prevent access to squirrels or birds

Common Law rights allow residents to remove tree branches that cross over their boundary without the need to seek the owner's permission.

Residents do not need to get permission from the Parish Council before carrying out any upkeep, providing it is limited to the pruning of side branches back to the boundary line. However, the Parish Council asks that residents notify the Council if they are planning to remove any significant branches which overhang their boundary as soon as possible before undertaking the works. It is the resident's responsibility to dispose of all removed branches.

Before undertaking any work, residents should check that the tree or trees in question are not protected by a TPO or are in the Conservation Area. If they are, any tree works will require permission from CW&C.

The Parish Council does not undertake work on privately owned trees.

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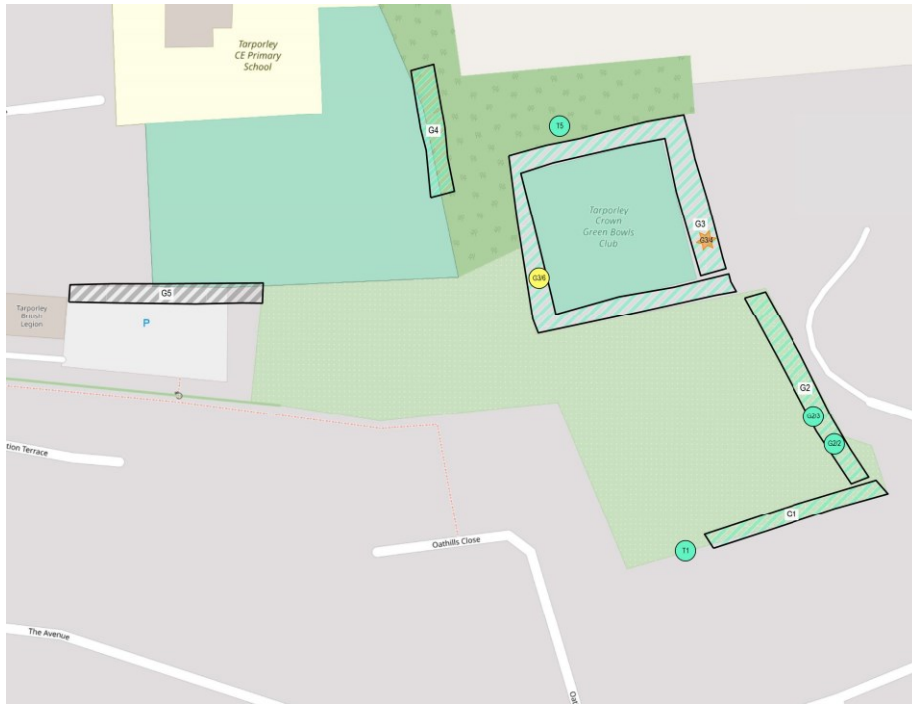
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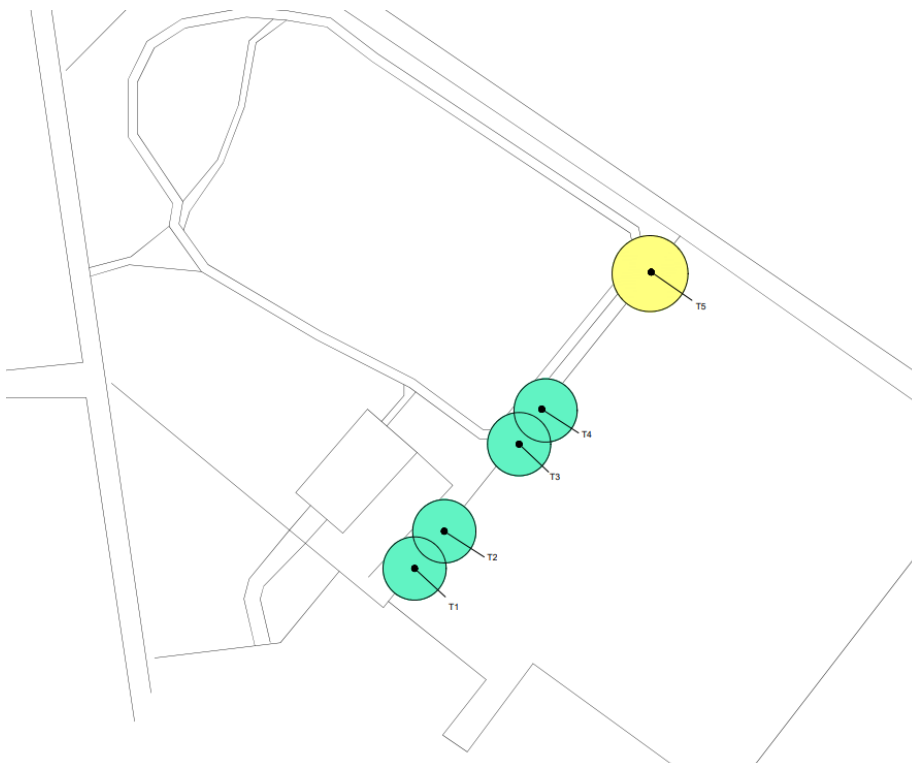
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The following maps show trees which are the responsibility of or are subject to inspection by the Parish Council in addition to the Chestnut Tree on Tarporley High Street.

### Poppy Lane – Allotments & Bowling Green.



### Brook Road Playing Field



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Playing Field at rear of the Community Centre

