

Wood's

Tree Consultancy Ltd

HEALTH AND SAFETY ARBORICULTURAL REPORT

Monday, 02 March
2026



Executive Summary

A health and safety arboricultural inspection was undertaken at the above property to assess tree condition, structural integrity, and foreseeable risk to persons and property. Two mature Scots Pine specimens were inspected within the rear garden boundaries. Each tree has been plotted on to an O.S. map by GPS coordinates and allocated a number prefixed with T for single trees, followed by a number; plan ref WTC/TS/H&S/58 Heathermount Dr/2026.

Both trees present material structural and safety concerns requiring remedial action. One tree (T2) represents a high and imminent risk due to significant structural defects and fungal decay and requires removal within 3 months. The second tree (T1) presents structural concerns and should be removed within 12 months.

Scope and Limitations of Survey

- The survey and this report are concerned with the Arboricultural aspects of the site only.
- This survey is restricted to trees within the site or those outside the site that may be affected. No other trees were inspected.
- It is based on a ground level tree assessment and examination of external features only – described as the ‘Visual Tree Assessment’ method expounded by Mattheck and Breloer (The Body Language of Trees, DoE booklet Research for Amenity Trees No. 4, 1994).
- No plant tissue samples were taken, and no internal investigation of the trees was carried out.
- No soil samples were taken, or soil analyses carried out.
- **The risk of tree-related subsidence to structures has not been assessed.**
- Wood’s Tree Consultancy Ltd have no knowledge of existing or proposed underground services.

Site description

The residential area, in which the site is situated features large amounts of trees. The client’s property has several trees in the rear of the property with significantly less in the frontage.

Site Brief

Wood’s Tree Consultancy Ltd was instructed by Mr Pettigrew due to his concerns over a tree located close to his property. Whilst inspecting the tree it was noticed that another tree located in the rear garden of the property had defects which warrant its inclusion in the survey, this is noted as T2 in the survey schedule and in this report.

Client: Mr Pettigrew

Please find detailed below our health and safety report based on the assessment of the tree situated on the property stated on the covering page. All recorded trees are fully detailed on the accompanying spreadsheet, as well as any recommendations.

This undertaking is to provide sufficient information to comply with insurance company requirements, your duty of care regarding health and safety and to develop a management plan for the necessary tree surgery works.

Any high-risk trees will be highlighted as urgent/within 3 months and brought to your attention as requiring immediate action.

Site visit:

The site was visited on 23rd February 2026. Trees in general above 30cm diameter were assessed, and comments raised regarding certain trees outside the grounds as necessary, no access was made into any third-party property without permission. Inspection weather conditions were overcast, cloudy and a temperature of 10 degrees Celsius.

Recorded Trees

This health and safety tree survey commences at tree number 1 (from herein called T1) and concludes with tree number 2 (T2).

T1

Tree ID: T1

Age Class: Mature

Size Category: Large

Stem Diameter: 640 mm

Location: Rear garden, north-east boundary

Proximity to Structures: 2.34 m from garage wall

Inspection Frequency: Annually

Ownership: Private

Observed condition

The tree seems to be in general good foliage density with good colour and vitality and is in similar colour and vitality to other Scots pines in the area. The crown distribution is radially equidistant and etiolated, typical for the species. The tree does contain some major deadwood throughout the crown

The tree has a single stem, with a slight lean but in general has minor defects.

The basal area of the tree is somewhat restricted by the adjacent garage which is 2.34m away. Furthermore, there is a small retaining wall 305mm from the tree's base which descends to a depth of 245mm to a patio before reaching the garage wall. These physical structures are likely to limit root growth potential in this area.

Whilst on site it was noted that the garage wall was not in prime condition with some cracks in bricks. No determination has been made as to whether this cracking is attributable to the presence or influence of the tree, and no assessment of structural movement or damage has been undertaken in this regard. It should be noted that this report does not address issues of subsidence or heave, nor does it provide any conclusions relating to structural damage to adjacent built features.

T2

Tree ID: T2

Age Class: Mature

Size Category: Large

Stem Diameter: 700 mm

Location: Rear garden, western boundary

Inspection Frequency: Annually

Ownership: Private

Observed condition

The tree is located within the rear garden, close to the western boundary of the site. The crown has a bias towards the west and has major deadwood throughout the crown. positioned along the western boundary of the site. The main stem has a slight lean but more significantly, a weak an included bifurcation of the primary stem at 8m, with clear signs of separation.

It exhibits a number of significant structural defects within the crown, stem, and basal area. The crown is biased in form and contains major deadwood throughout. A pronounced structural weakness is present within the main stem, where a significantly weak bifurcation occurs at approximately 8 metres above ground level, with clear indications of separation. This defect is further exacerbated by the presence of included bark at the union and additional weak forks within the crown. A slight lean of the tree was also observed.

Furthermore, the main stem has a large cavity at approximately 6.5m on the north side of the stem. This further compounds the structural concerns of the bifurcation and its internal relationship with the cavity.

At the base of the tree, a *Phaeolus schweinitzii*, a cubical butt rot fungus, were identified, this provides concerns over the stability of the tree, though not root heave was observed.

Collectively the noted defects give question to the structural stability of the tree.

Tree work recommendations:

T1 is recommended for removal due to its proximity to the building. It is recommended for removal within 1 year of this report's writing.

T2 is recommended for removal due to its structural defects. It must be removed within 3 months of this report's writing.

TPO application required

Both trees are located within a TPO area. TPO reference: TPO-0781-1996

Therefore a TPO application to the local authority will be required, which this report can be used as evidence for.

Other information

To ease with the identification of the urgent and priority works they have been highlighted on the spread sheet, red for urgent and within 3 months, and green for within one year. There are certain trees with defects or issues which require specialist annual reviews, please refer to the survey schedule for this information.

All work recommendations will be detailed in the survey schedule.

A copy of this report should be made available to the Tree contractors who are providing quotes for the recommended works and to ensure that when carrying out the work, it is to the report's standard and level of work.

All recommended work should be carried out to meet current B.S. 3998 2010 or it is superseded release, to a minimum. The work should be carried out by a competent professional contractor who complies with the latest health and safety requirements.

If there are any defects which the Arboricultural contractor observes during the works that additional advice is required, then we would advise that they contact us to discuss them, so an alternative procedure can be determined. If trees are densely covered in ivy, this prevents a full inspection of the trees and should be severed and a 2m section removed from ground level upwards, this should be severed over a three-year period in accordance with the work schedule, this will avoid the disruption to wildlife and allow re inspection to be carried out.

The purpose of carrying out these inspections is to maintain a safe site for all persons entering it. If the works are not implemented, then this safety aspect cannot be maintained.

Where tree felling is recommended, if the volume exceeds 5 cubic metres in a calendar quarter and more than 2 cubic metres is sold, a felling licence will be required. Please refer to the forestry web page www.forestry.gov.uk for more information. It is the responsibility of the appointed tree contractor to obtain this if required.

Site Address: 58 Heathermount Drive, Crowthorne, Berkshire, RG45 6HN

Client: Mr Pettigrew

As with any tree we would recommend an annual, sesquiennial or biennial inspection, this can be found on the survey schedule spreadsheet.

We hope this report meets with your approval. If any further information is required, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully



Steve Wood

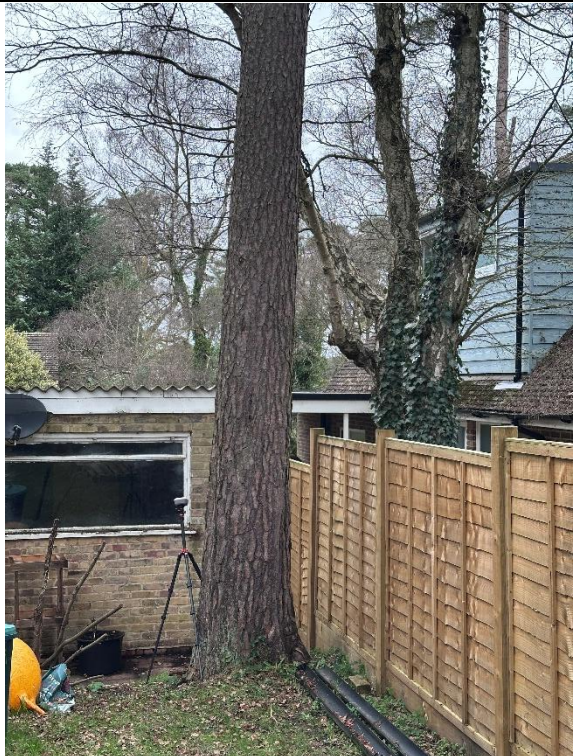
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T1		T2	
			
Ground level differential with wall.		Weak included bark fork formation.	
			
Proximity to garage.		Cavity observed near weak included bifurcation.	
		Phaeolus schweinitzii bracket found at base of T2	