

Tree Risk Assessment – Palgrave Parish Council

Subject of Assessment	Tree safety						
Location of Assessment	The Green, Priory Road, Palgrave						
Risk Rating Matrix (RR)			Likelihood (L)				
Severity (S)			Certain or near certain to occur (High)	Reasonably likely to occur (Medium)	Unlikely to occur (Low)		
Fatality; major injury or illness causing long term disability (High)			HIGH (H)	HIGH (H)	MEDIUM (M)		
Injury or illness causing short term disability (Medium)			HIGH (H)	MEDIUM (M)	LOW (L)		
Other injury or illness (Low)			MEDIUM (M)	LOW (L)	LOW (L)		
Hazards	Who is at risk?	Controls in place	L	S	RR	Adequately controlled?	
Falling tree branches leading to cuts, bruising and potential for fatal blow	Visitors/members of the public and contractors	An overall assessment of risks from trees to be carried out - identifying groups of trees by their position & degree of public access,, enabling the risks associated with tree stocks to be prioritised & help identify any checks or inspections needed. There are several approaches to managing the risks from trees that involve 'zoning' trees according to the risk of them falling and causing serious injury or death. As a minimum, trees should be divided into two zones: Zone 1: where there is frequent public access to trees (e.g. parks/ recreation grounds, in and around picnic areas, schools, children's playgrounds, popular foot paths, car parks, or at the side of busy roads). As a rough guide trees in Zone 1 are those that are closely approached by many people every day i.e. The Green Zone 2: where trees are not subject to frequent public access i.e. Cemetery In most case individual records for trees are unlikely to be necessary if zones and the trees in the zones are clearly defined as above. For trees in a frequently visited zone, a system for periodic, proactive checks is appropriate. This should involve a quick visual check for obvious signs that a tree is likely to be unstable and be carried out by a person with a working knowledge of trees and their defects, but who need not be an arboriculture specialist.	L	H	M	Yes	
Additional controls				Assigned to		Date Completed	
A 4 year full report programme in place				Norfolk Trees		April 2023	
A 'Recommendation of Works' in place in the intervening 2 years.				Garnham Trees		July 2025	
Date of Assessment	September 2025	Signature; <i>Caroline Emeny</i>	Parish Clerk on behalf of Palgrave Parish Council				
Review date	April 2027						