

TREE SURVEY & REPORT

For Mr S Brierley

9 Cotton Hill,

Milnrow

Rochdale

OL16 3FX

TREE SURVEY / SCHEDULE AND REPORT

Date: 23/12/25

Location: 9 Cotton Hill, Milnrow Rochdale OL16 3FX

Local Authority: Rochdale

The following report was compiled by Mr S Patrick, an Arborist with over 20 years experience and having a BTEC 3 qualification in Arboriculture, triple distinction who has worked for the general public, National Trust (Craggside), English Heritage and private estates.

The report has been requested by the owners of the property to meet their needs of maintenance for their curtilage.

The tree survey carried out was designed to gather information on the age, condition, species, type and size of the trees adjacent to their boundary.

Therefore this survey allows the owner to monitor the general health of the tree population and identify any possibly dangerous trees. Also allowing to plan ongoing maintenance needed to prevent failure of trees.

The results of the survey allow the owner to plan and budget for a cost-effective work programme if needed.

The report relates to three protected trees located behind the garden fence of 9 Cotton Hill, Milnrow OL16 3FX, sited on a strip of unregistered land between this property and the Rochdale Canal.

Guidance.

Landowners, under both the civil law and criminal law, have responsibility for the health and safety of those on or near their land.

Landowners must consider public safety and monitor their trees, particularly in areas with public access (this also including Canals).

The owner holds a responsibility to carry out such surveys as a duty of care and to avoid any claims of negligence against them if a hazard or a potentially dangerous tree has been identified, as it would be negligent not to investigate.

Tree reports assess a range of risks represented by a tree. Tree reports can also investigate any specified defects. A report will cover from the roots upwards paying particular attention to mechanical defects and signs of decay; the report will also recommend any remedial action to be taken or any future maintenance (see Tree Schedule below).

Proposed Tree Schedule of Works

TREE NO.	SPECIES	D.B.H (CM)	HEIGHT (M)	AGE	CATEGORY BS 5837	Work RECOMMENDATION
T1	Sycamore	30	12	MA	SS PRP C1	Basal area wound with the tree impinging on the boundary fence. Remove by section down
T2	Ash	30	12	MA	SS RRR C1	Remove 1 Limb back to union away from boundary.
T3	Sycamore	30	12	MA	SS RRR C1	Lateral reduction back to boundary fence.

Glossary of Terms.

Y Young, SM Semi mature, MA Mature

SS Single Stem, TS Twin stem, MS Multi Stem

Crown, Stem, and overall Health of the tree are noted as:

P Poor, R Reasonable, H Healthy

Quality: A High, B Moderate, C Low.

Sub category: 1, mainly arboricultural value. 2, mainly landscape value.

Example SS HRH M1 (single stem Healthy crown, reasonable stem, Healthy overall, moderate arboriculture value.

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The inspection took place on a dry day, overcast with no wind, the surrounding trees were bare of leaf and dormant.

The trees are situated between the boundary of 9 Cotton Hill and the Rochdale canal on a thin strip of land. The Canal and river Trust decline any ownership and it is believed the land is unregistered. The residents of 9 Cotton Hill have a letter/email stating this from the Canal and River Trust.

It is clear from the inspection that the trees have had no maintenance or management in the past. They are in need of maintenance now as they are becoming a hazard to the adjacent canal and the boundary fence of 9 Cotton Hill.

The Sycamore T1 has a basal wound of concern and the main stem impinging on 9 Cotton Hills boundary fence. It is recommended that this tree is removed.

T2 an Ash tree is a poor specimen. It is recommended a removal of a single limb over the boundary fence be taken back to main stem union.

T3 a Sycamore is another unruly specimen. A lateral reduction away from the boundary is recommended.

Future Observations

Trees grow and can develop weaknesses, the climate is changing and many factors that affect trees are rarely static, they are living dynamic organisms. An Arborist should undertake regular inspections so that changes in the trees can be monitored and management implemented, thus ensuring the maintenance and preservation of trees continues.

Conclusion

The mentioned tree schedule should be maintained through good practice and any surgery completed to BS3998 2010.





T3 Lateral reduction away from boundary fence.

