

Welsh Newton Common tree pruning update

Herefordshire County Council (HCC) agreed to undertake work on several trees including the felling of two with Ash Dieback. This work was completed in August.

All remaining trees from the noticeboard at the entrance to the village up to the bus stop in the approved list for work¹ have now been pruned by Rory Wakeman of Ecotech, Llangrove, on 4 September. This work was funded by residents of WNC.

As a result of this work, all tree works with approvals in the central spine of the community from the notice board at the start of the village to the bus shelter that affect the fibre line to almost all properties have now been completed.

For the trees with approval for work in the more outlying residual areas with fewer properties (and few, if any, home workers), any decision to undertake/fund work is being discussed and determined by the residents who live in these areas. These residents were deliberately not asked to fund the work in the central spine area (that they nevertheless benefit from) because they may need to raise funds to do work in the outlying areas that serve only them. Ultimately it is down to the residents who live there to decide if they want to commission any of this work.

I would like to take the opportunity, on behalf of the residents of WNC, to thank the Parish Council for its support, and assistance with this 'project', especially in providing 50% of the funding for the original tree survey that was important for obtaining permission from HCC to undertake the tree pruning, where it related to trees with preservation orders on them. Thanks have also been given to our Ward Councillor for her role in getting HCC to engage with us and accept responsibility for doing some of the work.

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¹ Except for one tree, that HCC consider is in the fence line of the property Rhai Ni and the responsibility of this property owner (who has agreed to arrange for this work to be undertaken shortly).