

Northwich Tree Surgery Ltd

Barnton FC Tree Management Plan

1. Site Information

Site Name: Townfield Lane, Barnton

Date: 15/06/2026

Review Date: June 2027

Site Description

- Site used as Football ground with hedges forming majority of north, south and eastern boundaries including some trees.
- Existing Trees:
 - 2x large mature oaks to rear of toilet block (one with TPO) on northern boundary
 - 3-4 sycamores at bottom corner of northern boundary
 - 1 solitary tree on southern boundary
 - Small trees within hedges or not of significance to this management plan

2. Objectives of Tree Management

- Manage risk and public safety
- Maintain tree quality

3. Tree Inventory Schedule

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Tree ID	Species	Age Class	Condition	Risk Level	Recommended Action
T001	Oak	Mature	Good	Low	Crown reduction Monitor each 2-3yrs
T002	Oak	Mature	Good	Low	Crown reduction Monitor each 2-3yrs
T003	Sycamore (multiple)	Semi-mature	Fair	Low	Reduced to previous height within 3yrs

T004		Semi-mature	Good	Low	Remove ivy
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5. Management Actions

Immediate (0–12 Months)

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Tree ID	Action	Reason	Priority
T001	Deadwood removal & any limbs likely to fail	Safety	Medium
T002	Deadwood removal & any limbs likely to fail	Safety	Medium
T004	Ivy removal	Tree Health	Medium

Medium Term (1–3 Years)

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Tree ID	Action	Reason
T003	Reduce Height	Potential failure risk for growth following previous height reduction ~7-8yrs previous

Long Term (3–10 Years)

None

7. Planting & Replacement Strategy

Not part of management plan. Management of existing trees only

8. Inspection & Monitoring Schedule

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Frequency	Inspection Type	Responsible Person
6 months	Visual inspection	Ground Safety Manager
12 - 24 months	Professional arborist survey	Consultant

9. Risk Management

Risk considerations:

- Falling branches
- Root damage to infrastructure
- Public access areas
- Storm vulnerability
- Disease outbreaks

10. Legal & Environmental Considerations

- Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs)
 - 1x oak tree
 - **Routine thinning and removal of deadwood for safety reasons is acceptable without TPO consent**
- Wildlife protections – avoid work in nesting season where possible
- Occupiers' liability obligations – ensure management plan adhered to in order to ensure insurance is valid
- Neighbours – most tree cutting requests arise from neighbouring residents. As point of principle intention is to retain trees and not undertaken work outside of this management plan or in response to emergency

11. Budget & Resources

Task	Estimated Cost	Frequency
Pruning works	£550	Allowance for yearly (anticipated less)
Emergency Works	£___	No budget available. Within general BFC contingency
Neighbour Requests	£___	No budget available. Unless necessary as part of management plan request payment by neighbour. Work to be undertaken by BFC appointed contractor with full insurance and qualifications.