

# Doddington and District Parish Council Risk Assessment and Tree Management Policy

Doddington and District Parish Council's tree management policy acknowledges the benefits that its trees bring to the Villages while taking into account the need to ensure the safety of residents, visitors and property.

## Benefits trees bring to Doddington and District

Create a pleasant green, rural environment for the benefit of residents and visitors.

Create an extensive wildlife environment for many and varied species of flora and fauna

Provides some shelter from adverse weather conditions, such as strong winds and high rainfall.

Contribute, in a small but useful way, to reduction of carbon dioxide and reduction of Global Warming

Risk Area	Location of trees	Hazard posed by trees	Possible outcome	Action to reduce risk
Medium	Adjacent to roadways Adjacent to footpaths	Shed branches/limbs Fall over	Injury to persons in vicinity Damage to property Damage to vehicles	Regular visual inspection of these areas by Parish Councillors

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The individual risk of death attributable to trees is 1 in 10million, this is 10 times less than the threshold of one death in one million per year that the HSE says people regard as insignificant or trivial in their daily lives. (Common Sense Risk Management of Trees, National Tree Safety Group, Pub. Forestry Commission Dec 2011)

The actions carried out by Doddington and District Parish Council will be proportionate and cost effective. Where hazards are identified in high risk areas, these will be assessed by a Tree Surgeon. One of the following actions will be taken:

- Monitor if immediate action not required
- Carry out remedial work to reduce the hazard
- Fell the tree (this action only will be taken when there is no other option)

How risks are identified and by whom

- Regular, informal, visual inspections

### Residents

- To contact Clerk or Parish Councillor if they observe problems with trees.

### Councillors

- Look out for tree damage/ problems whilst out and about.
- Carry out quarterly observations of the Village, which includes informal, visual inspection of trees