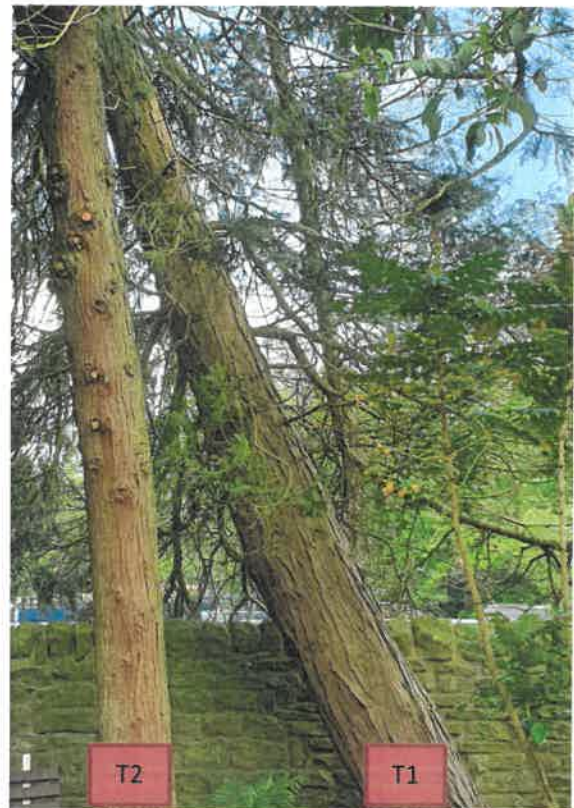


**Urgent request to remove unstable tree, at Grove House, Chipping, PR3 2GP**

The tree in question is a tall 12M Conifer (T1) located in the south west corner of Grove House front garden, please see attached location map (final page).

Initial assessment of tree was completed by John Gornall, Tree felling services in March 2018. John stated that, although there was an obvious lean to the tree, presently the tree appeared stable and there was insufficient evidence of any significant ground heave to indicate continuing movement or poor root anchoring. However it was suggested that continued observation and monitoring was important to ensure future movement was identified before the situation became dangerous.

- Pic.1 (below left) 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017 indicates the original leaning position of the tree.
- Pic.2 (below right) 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2020 Indicates current extended lean of the tree from its previous position



The distance of travel over 2 years is well indicated in the photographs by the number of coping stones visible in the background between the two trees.

2018 = 7-1/2

2020 = 4

Movement circa 500mm

Approximate '2018' lean angle = 19°

Approximate '2020' lean angle = 30°

Lean increase of approx. 11°

It has been observed that as the lean angle increases, so has the rate of movement due to the weight imbalance. This has recently been exacerbated by the exceptionally dry weather during March – April 2020

During the high storm-force winds of early 2020 there has been increased visible ground lift (circled red).

There has also been notable (but not yet significant) ground heave to the smaller adjacent conifer tree (T2) which is being destabilised by the larger conifer's movement (indicated yellow)



The direction of lean is towards the closely neighbouring Kirk Mill Barn and Grove House garage. Should the tree continue to fall it will cause significant destruction to Grove House stone wall boundary and potential damage to Kirk Mill Barn. It should be noted that Grove House stone wall is under an Article 4 protection order. The 2<sup>nd</sup> conifer leans towards Grove House (Grade 2 listed)

Permission is sought to carefully remove the large conifer (T1) before it causes further damage and assess the likelihood for removal of 2<sup>nd</sup> smaller conifer (T2) if deemed unstable.

Given the extensive number of surrounding trees in the area the visual impact should only be moderate, however even with the low amenity value of these non-native trees, the loss will result in significant visual exposure to Grove house front gardens from the planned Holiday home development.

With this in mind Grove House would like to undertake the structured replanting of more appropriate native trees along the border to replace the removed trees, providing an improved visual aspect and increase natural screening.

Kind Regards  
Mr R Pullen