



Tree Safety Survey Report.

Horsmonden Parish Council.

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1.0 Introduction.

1.1 Instruction: We have been instructed by Horsmonden Parish Council to carry out a survey of the trees located within the following two Horsmonden Parish Council sites, for health and safety and general management reasons:-

- Village Green, Horsmonden.
- Fromandez Drive, Horsmonden.

1.2 Scope of This Report: This report relates to trees located at the Village Green and the open space at Fromandez Drive, Horsmonden. The boundaries of these two Parish Council sites are shown outlined in blue on the respective Tree Survey Plans, included in the appendices of this report.

1.2.1 The tree survey included a zoning exercise which appraised the grounds of the two Parish Council sites in to high, medium or low category areas where the trees are present. This zoning exercise determined that the grounds of both sites consist of high target areas (within falling distance of the public highway, buildings and structures).

1.2.2 The tree safety survey also identified management works to the trees at Fromandez Drive to reduce the shading and help encourage the establishment of a wildflower meadow on the open space area.

1.2.3 Although all trees within the grounds of these two Parish Council sites were inspected, only those trees identified as requiring remedial safety works or management works have been recorded.

1.3 Report Limitations:

- Trees are living organisms whose health and condition can change rapidly and all trees, even healthy ones, are at risk from unpredictable climatic and man-made events. The condition assessment of the trees is based upon factors evident at the time of the inspection and the interpretation of those factors by suitably qualified inspectors. The health, condition and safety of trees should be checked on a basis proportionate to the level of risk and preferably on an annual basis.
- This report is valid for 12 months. However, this period of validity may be reduced in the case of any subsequent significant meteorological event or alterations to the site.

2.0 Site Visit and Observations.

- 2.1 Site Visits:** The tree survey was undertaken on the 28th of September, 2026, by arboriculturists, experienced and qualified in carrying out visual tree safety assessments. The weather on the day of the surveys was overcast with occasional sunny periods and good visibility.
- 2.2 Methodology of the Tree Safety Survey:** Observations were conducted from ground level using the 'Visual Tree Assessment' system, with consideration to research by Dr. Duncan Slater on The Assessment of Tree Forks. No internal diagnostic equipment was used other than a sounding mallet and probe.
- 2.2.1 The assessment of risk posed by a defective tree and the priority rating of the recommended action was determined on the following four factors:-
- The nature of the defect.
 - The size of the defective part likely to fail.
 - The target area (high).
 - The overall condition of the tree.
- 2.2.2 Each recorded tree was tagged with an individual numbered label and its location plotted on an Ordnance Survey plan using Pear Technology software.
- 2.3 Findings of the Tree Safety Survey:** At the Village Green, remedial safety works have been identified on one tree (3198 Common beech), including a further inspection next year to monitor the health of this tree, following the severance of the roots during recent trenching works. Management works have also been recommended to eight trees (0227 Common lime, 0280 Common lime, 0281 Common lime, 0282 Common lime, 0287 Common oak, 0291 Common lime, 0292 Common lime, 3196 Common lime and 3198 Common beech).
- 2.3.1 At Fromandez Drive, no remedial safety works have been identified on this occasion. As requested, management works have been recommended to seven trees (0014 Red oak, 0295 Sweetgum, 0298 Common oak, 0299 Common hawthorn, 0300 Sycamore, 3194 Common oak and 3195 Hornbeam 'Fastigiata') to reduce the shading and help encourage the establishment of a wildflower meadow on the open space. Further, regular pruning of these trees will be required in future years to reduce the shading on the open space, as they continue to grow.
- 2.3.2 There is an area of self-sown oak seedlings under the canopy of tree 3194 Common oak and another area of self-sown hornbeam seedlings (approximately 2m x 2m) in the central area of the open space in between trees 0299 Common hawthorn and 0295 Sweetgum (see attached Photographs). Continued, regular, short mowing of the grass on the open space will inhibit the growth and establishment of these tree seedlings. However, if the future mowing regime on this open space is to be reduced and/or cut at an increased height as part of the management of the wildflower meadow, herbicide spot treatment may be required to control the tree seedlings and prevent completion with any establishing wildflowers. Alternatively, specific areas could be managed as wildflower meadow, rather than the whole of the open space. If neither option is deemed desirable by the Parish Council, it is recommended that another more suitable open site, with no or very few trees, in the Parish is identified for a wildflower meadow.

- 2.3.3 Details of the recorded trees are specified in the Tree Safety Survey Schedule, with accompanying photographs, included in Appendix A.
- 2.3.4 The locations of the recorded trees are shown on the Tree Survey Plan, included as Appendix A.

3.0 Recommendations.

- 3.1 Present Requirements:** The recommended remedial safety works and management works with suggested completion timescales are detailed in the Tree Survey Schedules for the two sites, included in Appendix A.
- 3.1.1 Our costs to carry out the recommended tree works are detailed in the Tree Survey Schedule in Appendix A, and allow for the removal of all arisings. The costs are based on the assumption that all works will be carried out. In the event of isolated works being selected, the prices may have to be reviewed accordingly. All quoted costs are subject to VAT.
- 3.2 Implementation of Works:** It is recommended that all tree works are carried out in accordance with BS3998:2010: Tree Work - Recommendations.
- 3.2.1 A search on Tunbridge Wells Borough Council's online interactive map has established that the two sites are located within the Horsmonden Conservation Area. It will therefore be necessary to submit a formal notification to Tunbridge Wells Borough Council to carry out all the recommended tree works.
- 3.2.2 Prior to undertaking any tree works recommended in this report, it is essential that the trees are assessed for the presence of nesting birds and protected species such as bats. The disturbance or destruction of nesting sites is an offence under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 and the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000. Further advice on bats can be obtained from the Bat Conservation Trust. Advice on nesting birds can be obtained from Natural England or The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.

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Principles of Tree Hazard Assessment & Management by David Lonsdale.

Assessment of Tree Forks: Junctions in Trees, Assessment of Junctions for Risk Management (Duncan Slater).

British Standard BS3998: 2010 Tree Work – Recommendations.

The Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation)(England) Regulations 2012.

Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended).

Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.

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APPENDIX A.

Village Green Tree Survey Schedule, Plan & Photographs.

Fromandez Drive Tree Survey Schedule, Plan & Photographs.

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General Tree Assessment (Summary)

Tree Ref	Species	H (m)	Spr (m)	Maturity	Condition	Action Recommendations	Costs	Priority	Done	Inspected
Horsmonden Village Green, Horsmonden										
0227	Common Lime	12	4	M	Good	Raise low canopy :: To 3.0m	£166.90	3 Months	No	28-Sep-26
Comment: Low branches overhanging public footpath, notice board, and memorial bench. Raise low canopy to give a 3m clearance above ground level.										
0280	Common Lime	12	5	M	Good	Raise low canopy :: To 3.0m	£111.25	3 Months	No	28-Sep-26
Comment: Low branches overhanging road and memorial bench. Raise low branches to give 3m clearance above ground level.										
0281	Common Lime	11	4	M	Good	Raise low canopy :: To 3.0m	£166.90	3 Months	No	28-Sep-26
Comment: Low branches overhanging road and memorial bench. Raise low branches to give 3m clearance above ground level.										
0282	Common Lime	11	4	M	Good	Raise low canopy :: To 3.0m	£111.25	3 Months	No	28-Sep-26
Comment: Low branches overhanging road. Raise low branches to give 3m clearance above ground level.										
0287	Common Oak	12	6	SM	Good	Raise low canopy :: To 3.0m	£111.25	6 Months	No	28-Sep-26
Comment: Low branches overhanging road. Raise low branches overhanging road to give 3m clearance above ground level.										
Age Classification: NP Newly planted EM Early Mature Y Young M Mature SM Semi-mature OM Over Mature Condition: Overall unless specified as - C Crown S Stem B Basal area										

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Comment: Low branches overhanging public footpath and memorial bench. Raise low branches to give a 3m clearance above ground level.										
0292	Common Lime	10	4	M	Good	Raise low canopy :: To 3.0m	£111.25	3 Months	No	28-Sep-26
Comment: Low branches overhanging public footpath. Raise low branches overhanging public footpath to give 3m clearance above ground level.										
3196	Common Lime	11	5	M	Good	Raise low canopy :: To 3.0m	£166.90	3 Months	No	28-Sep-26
Comment: Low branches overhanging public footpath and edge of road. Raise low branches to give a 3m clearance above ground level.										
3198	Common Beech	13	6	M	Poor	Re-inspect :: See Comment Remove :: Major dead wood	£222.50	1 year 3 Months	No No	28-Sep-26
Comment: Tree in decline with significant dieback of crown and major deadwood present. Recent trenching works undertaken for underground services to new junction box, resulting in the severance of several roots on the southern and eastern sides and likely to cause further decline in overall health of tree. Remove major deadwood from crown. Re-inspect tree in summer 2027 to monitor health of tree.										
Age Classification: NP Newly planted EM Early Mature Condition: Overall unless specified as - C Crown Y Young M Mature S Stem SM Semi-mature OM Over Mature B Basal area										



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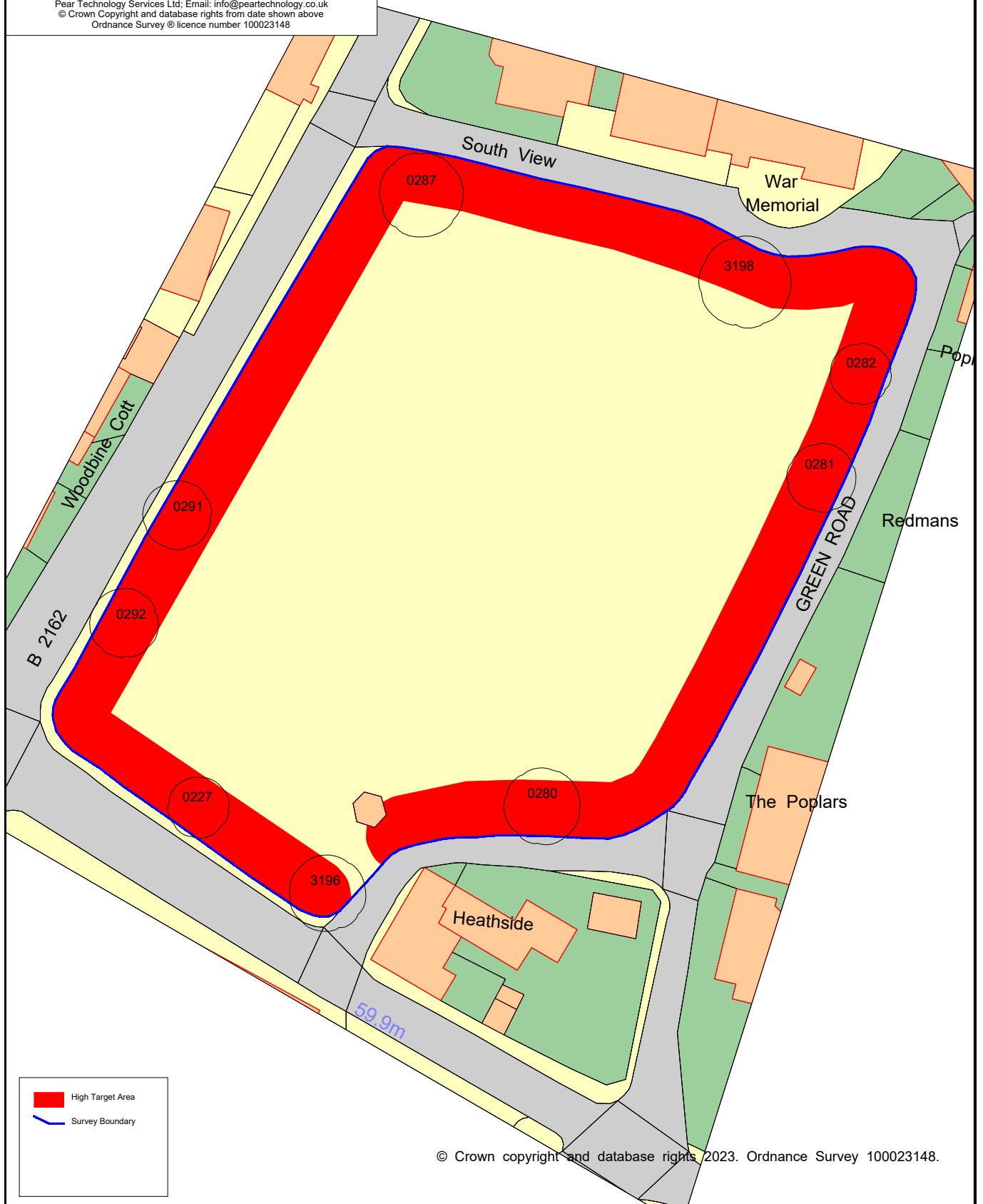
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PHOTOGRAPHS

0227 – Common Lime



Low branches overhanging public footpath, notice board, and memorial bench.

0280 – Common Lime



Low branches overhanging road and memorial bench.

0281 – Common Lime



Low branches overhanging road and memorial bench.

0282 – Common Lime



Low branches overhanging road.

0287 – Common Oak



Low branches overhanging road.

0291 – Common Lime



Low branches overhanging public footpath and memorial bench.

0292 – Common Lime



Low branches overhanging public footpath.

3196 – Common Lime



Low branches overhanging public footpath and edge of road.

3198 – Common Beech



Tree in decline with significant dieback of crown and major deadwood present.

Recent trenching works undertaken for underground services to new junction box, resulting in root severance on southern and eastern sides.

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Fromandez Drive, Horsmonden										
0014	Red Oak	18	7	M	Good	Thin crown(s) :: By 20 - 25%	£1,190.00	1 year	No	28-Sep-26
Comment: Thin crown by approximately 25%. (Management works to encourage the development of wild flower meadow).										
0295	Sweetgum	17	4	M	Good	See Comment :: See Comment	£222.50	6 Months	No	28-Sep-26
Comment: Crown raise to a height of approximately 6m, by removing smaller lateral branches. Remove epicormic growth at base of main stem. (Management works to encourage the development of wild flower meadow).										
0298	Common Oak	14	4	SM	Fair	See Comment :: See Comment	£278.15	1 year	No	28-Sep-26
Comment: Thin crown by approximately 25%. Remove regrowth on old pruning wounds on main stem, up to a height of approximately 4m. (Management works to encourage the development of wild flower meadow).										
0299	Common Hawthorn	6	3	M	Good	Raise low canopy :: To 3.0m	£222.50	1 year	No	28-Sep-26
Comment: Crown raise to give a clearance of 3m above ground level. (Management works to encourage the development of wild flower meadow).										
Age Classification: NP Newly planted EM Early Mature Y Young M Mature SM Semi-mature OM Over Mature										
Condition: Overall unless specified as - C Crown S Stem B Basal area										

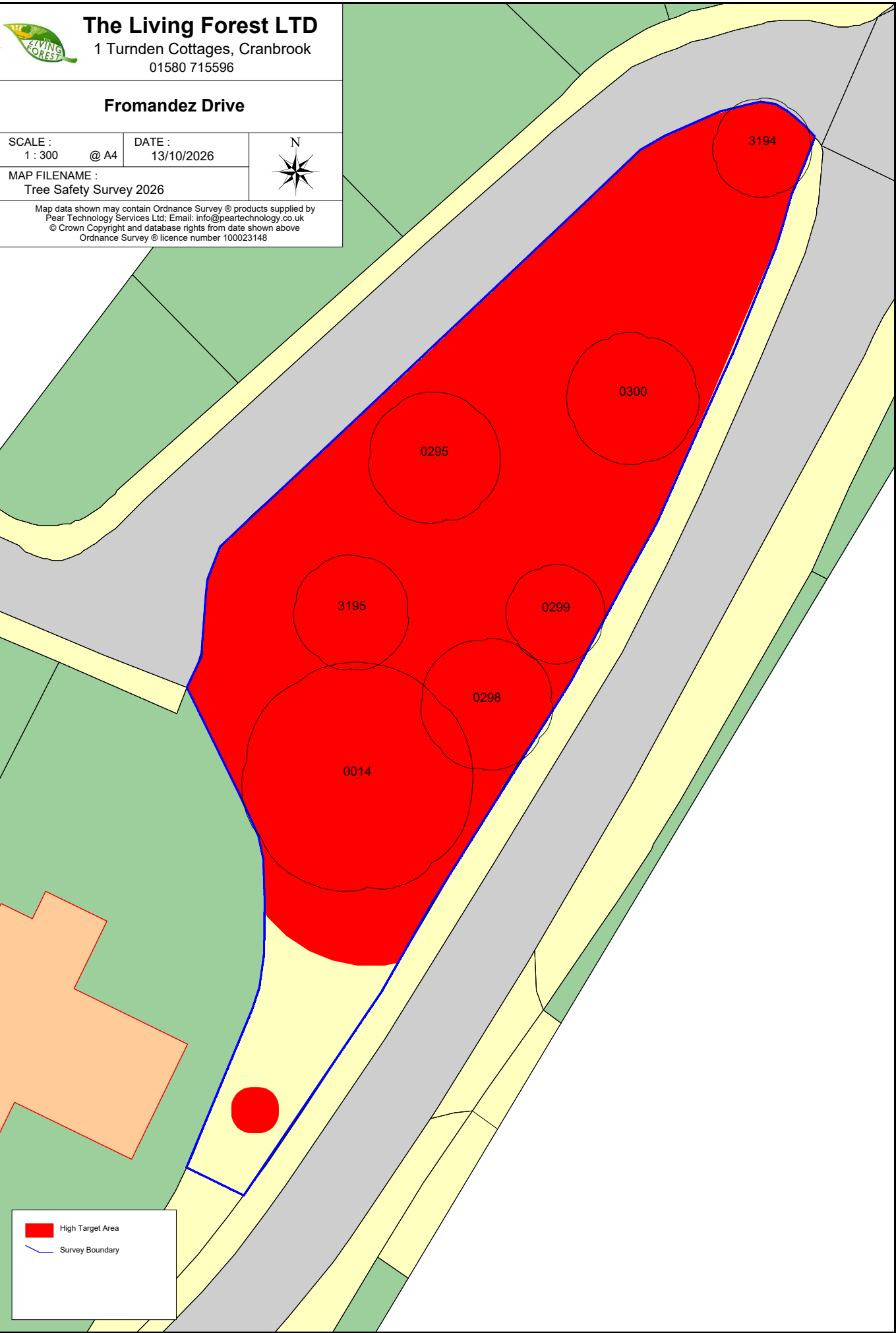
Tree Ref	Species	H (m)	Spr (m)	Maturity	Condition	Action Recommendations	Costs	Priority	Done	Inspected
0300	Sycamore	15	4	M	Fair	Raise low canopy :: To 6.0m Remove :: Epicormic growths	£166.90 £55.65	1 year 6 Months	No No	28-Sep-26
Comment: Remove epicormic growth on eastern side of stem base. Crown lift to a height of approximately 6m. (Management works to encourage development of wild flower meadow).										
3194	Common Oak	8.5	3	SM	Good	See Comment :: See Comment	£333.75	1 year	No	28-Sep-26
Comment: Raise canopy to give a clearance of 3m from ground level. Thin crown by 25%. (Management works to encourage development of wild flower meadow).										
3195	Hornbeam 'Fastigiata'	13	4	SM	Fair	Reduce crown(s) :: By 50%	£556.25	1 year	No	28-Sep-26
Comment: Reduce crown by approximately 4.5m (50%). Remove regrowth on pruning wounds on lower stems, up to a height of approximately 5m. (Management works to encourage the development of wild flower meadow).										
Age Classification: NP Newly planted EM Early Mature Y Young M Mature SM Semi-mature OM Over Mature Condition: Overall unless specified as - C Crown S Stem B Basal area										



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 High Target Area

 Survey Boundary

PHOTOGRAPHS

0014 – Red Oak



Dense crown shading ground, impeding development of wild flower meadow.

0295 – Sweetgum



Crown and epicormic growth at base shading ground, impeding development of wild flower meadow.

0298 – Common Oak



Crown and regrowth on old pruning wounds on main stem, up to a height of approximately 4m shading ground, impeding development of wild flower meadow.

0299 – Common Hawthorn



Lower crown shading ground, impeding development of wild flower meadow.

0300 – Sycamore



Lower crown and epicormic growth on eastern side of stem base shading ground, impeding development of wild flower meadow.

3194 – Common Oak



Dense crown shading ground, impeding development of wild flower meadow.

3195 – Hornbeam ‘Fastigiata’.



Dense crown and regrowth on pruning wounds on lower stems up to a height of approximately 5m shading ground, impeding development of wild flower meadow.



Self-sown oak seedlings under the canopy of tree 3194 Common oak.



Area of self-sown hornbeam seedlings in the central area of the open space in between trees 0299 Common hawthorn and 0295 Sweetgum.