

Bewdley Tree Wardens' Report 2020 – 2021

The Covid-19 pandemic and its necessary restrictions on movement have coincided with the period covered by this report and therefore have restricted our own movement and ability to work together. The restrictions have also seemed to limit any enthusiasm for cutting down or cutting back any trees over which the planning regulations apply. So the first six months of the lockdown saw very few applications for work on trees within the area. However, since January there has been an easing of restrictions and coincidentally an increase in applications. Fortunately most of the applications were uncontentious, asking for permission to do what generally might be called maintenance. On those occasions where more drastic work was requested we were able to enlist the aid of the WFDC Tree Officer, Alvan Kingston, to negotiate a compromise solution. Some recent applications currently remain unresolved but we are confident that they will be satisfactorily dealt with soon as the general approach of applicants has been to accept the advice offered.

As a result the amount of tree felling this year has been small and where TPO trees are concerned replacement planting has been requested. We, therefore do not think that the treescape has been diminished to any significant extent during the past year.

We have also been happy to join the Town Council and Alvan Kinston in an initial survey of Riverside North which will soon become the responsibility of Bewdley and to offer some suggestions as to the future management of the park.

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