

# TELSCOMBE TOWN COUNCIL



## TREE POLICY

### **Introduction**

Telscombe Town Council have a duty of care and are dedicated to protecting and managing trees on Town Council owned land. The Town Council reserve the right to carry out any urgent works to trees or vegetation without prior consultation with an ecologist, if there is a safety concern to property or people.

### **Inspections & Maintenance**

The trees on Town Council sites are subject to regular inspections to assess their health, condition and safety as even healthy trees are at risk from unpredictable climatic and man-made events. The content of these surveys inform the Council about what action to take. Where possible any felled trees should be cut and left on-site to provide habitat for insects.

Any reports received by Telscombe Town Council regarding dangerous trees will be investigated by a Town Council Officer and if any concerns are raised, a specialist will be requested to attend a further inspection.

For trees that are covered by a Tree Preservation Order, Telscombe Town Council must make an application to Lewes District Council before any works can take place.

### **Badger Setts**

If any management works are required within 30 metres of a badger sett entrance, a badger survey will be undertaken to determine whether the sett is active. If the badger sett is found to be active and is directly impacted on any proposed works, a Natural England badger licence will be required prior to any works in our around the area.

### **Planting of new trees**

The Town Council will aim that a tree is planted for every one felled on Town Council land.