

Tree Survey Quotes

For discussion at Parish Council Meeting on 7 Nov 22.

To date (31 Oct 22), we have received 4 x quotes out of 5 requested -

Quote 1

To, undertake an Arboricultural Health and Safety inspection of the tree stock situated within the curtilage of Maulds Meaburn Village Green.

The Arboricultural Inspection to be undertaken from ground level implementing:

National Tree Safety Group

Common sense risk management of trees

British Standard 3998:2010

Tree work – Recommendations.

British Standard 5837:2012

Trees in relation to design, demolition, and construction - Recommendations.

Visual Assessment Techniques.

To, produce a written arboricultural report with the inclusion of including a survey data table specifying the following per tree / group species.

Tree number

Tree species

Age class

Arboricultural Observations and Comments

Arboricultural Condition.

Arboricultural Recommendations

Photos and explanations included as required.

Cost £550 + VAT

Quote 2

Visual Tree Assessment

The tree survey and report follows the Visual Tree Assessment (VTA) method which will help our client ensure that they are meeting their duty of care in relation to trees within their ownership. Our arboriculturists will visit the subject site to gather required data in order to prepare a VTA report.

The following will be provided:

Tree Survey and Report

The survey or will record each specified tree or group of trees within a specified area of land. All parts will be viewed from the ground using binoculars where appropriate. The surveyor might where appropriate, due to the characteristics of the trees , record them grouped by common characteristics such as species, age, vitality and dimensions.

Tree Data Schedule

Data collected from the Tree Survey will be recorded on a Tree Data Schedule which will cross-reference with the Tree Survey Plan.

Tree Survey Plan

Each tree or group of trees will be plotted on site by eye and shown on an overhead map of the site.

Cost - £500 + VAT

Quote 3

'Some of the trees are near to the road and houses and I suggest that it is important that these are inspected periodically. I estimate that we would be able to inspect just these trees, and prepare a report on their condition and management requirements for £480 plus expenses and VAT. In addition to trees near to roads and houses, there are many other trees including some that have recently been planted. Trees which are not close to roads, houses etc. are unlikely to cause harm if they were to fail.

When I attended the Parish Council meeting it was suggested that it would be beneficial to obtain a full inventory with recommendations to manage all the trees so that they can achieve their full potential and provide maximum benefits for centuries to come.

I estimate that our fees to inspect all the trees and prepare a report on their condition and management would be £960 plus expenses and VAT.

Our expenses would include travelling and a digital Ordnance Survey site plan.

We will charge 45p per mile plus VAT for travelling from near Kendal. If instructed just to inspect trees near to roads and houses, I expect we would only visit the site once. If instructed to inspect all trees, I expect we visit Maulds Meaburn twice.

There are two options for digital Ordnance Survey plans. The more detailed version would cost a little under £50 plus VAT. The less detailed version would cost around £20 plus VAT. Once we have the digital plan it may be beneficial for management activities not related to the trees'.

Cost - £960 + Expenses + £50 + VAT

Quote 4

The cost of a site visit to visually inspect all trees and to produce a report, a plan showing accurate tree locations and a schedule detailing species, condition, size, age, comments and recommendations for work with a priority rating to aid budgeting would be £510 plus VAT.

Cost - £510 + VAT

Budget Considerations

Green Spaces budget 22/23 was £2000. Payments to date £2334.

However, no payments made against Grants/Donations (budget £2000) or Legal (budget £500) from in-year so could be used for 'Green Spaces'. Budget for Green Spaces 23/24 is £2,100.

Alternatively, MMRGT Balance is £5,932.72