

Tree Report to The Landings 2025 AGM

1. My report covers the trees in the public areas of The Landings – over 100 of which have Tree Preservation Orders, known as TPO's, placed on them by Waverley Borough Council. Trees in private gardens are not the responsibility of The Landings Board, and do not form part of this report. There are, however, 2 trees growing in resident's gardens, that somehow in the past - many years ago - had TPOs put on them. These two trees are included in our Survey – which I will talk about in a minute.
2. The estate is currently looking lovely. I'm sure that it will look even more attractive when the flowers are out and the trees are displaying all their colours.
3. 31 trees were recently felled in the conservation area. All of these were dead and were leaning on other trees and, as a result, were considered a potential danger, especially if children happen to get into this area. With the support of Waverley Borough Council, the trees were urgently removed.
4. The overgrown area behind 19-29 BBW (along the bank of The Cut) was tidied up by our Tree Surgeons GN Trees. They did an excellent job which, I believe, was appreciated by the residents.
5. A tree outside the garage area opposite the "Postie bench" was substantially cut back a couple of months ago. This tree was pushing the wall towards the parking area and the wall was in danger of collapse. Further investigations are to take place to see if any other trees behind the wall need to be removed or reduced. If so, our Tree Surgeons will be engaged to carry out the work.
6. I have booked our bi-annual tree survey which, this year will take place in September/October. For the info of new residents, The Landings are required by Waverley Borough Council, to have a full survey undertaken, by a Qualified Tree Inspector, every three years. However, the Board decided several years ago, that for safety reasons we would carry out a full survey of the trees on The Landings every 2 years. Our Inspector for the past 2 Surveys has been the Head of Trees for Chelsea & Westminster Council and we have been very impressed with his feed-back and the quality of his reports. I have, therefore, engaged the same Inspector for this year. Every substantial tree on the estate, including nearly 100 with TPO's, will be examined and a full report on each tree will be submitted to The Board by the end of 2025. This report forms the basis of most of the tree work to be carried out over the following 2 years – but as in the past, most of the recommendations will be acted upon in the first 6 months following the submission of the Report.
7. Finally, if anyone has concerns over any tree on the estate please contact any member of the Board and we will seek the advice of our Tree Surgeons re any action that may be required.

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