

Note on quotes for tree survey in parish

All contractors were asked to quote for surveying all trees on the common at Cherry Green but particularly the seven (estimated number) ash trees. They were asked also to check the two trees planted by the council, a field maple opposite the Old Vicarage and a prunus outside the house “Kahoutek” at Church End. All were told that signs of ash die-back disease had been reported by a resident and that the council was concerned about safety and the need to fell trees due to ash die-back.

Contractors 1 and 3 have quoted for surveying the whole common, as requested. Contractor 2 has quoted for the ash trees only, plus the two trees at Church End.

To obtain quotes:

A map was supplied showing the outline of the common land and there was further correspondence with contractors 1 and 3 to clarify the limits of the area on the ground which was to be surveyed. Contractor 3 visited the common before quoting.

Contractor 1: £1,250 plus VAT – common only, but all trees on the common except the recently-pollarded willow tree.

Contractor 2: £289.40 plus VAT for 7 ash trees plus two trees at Church End.

Contractor 3: £550 plus VAT - common only, but all trees there except the recently-pollarded willow tree.

Contractor 2 was recommended by Acer Tree Surgery. 1 and 3 were found via the arboriculture professional association.

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