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Town Council Trees to get 'Makeover Surgery'

Matlock Town Council is to employ a local contractor to carry out necessary maintenance and some surgery work to the many street and open space trees planted by the Council over the last twenty years, as well as trees inherited from the District Council e.g. on the Chesterfield Road allotments.

Most of the trees require only minor tidying and crown lifting to remove branches likely to cause an obstruction and to facilitate verge mowing. A few, however, need a more drastic 'haircut' and limb removal, or even need to be felled because they are unsafe, diseased or causing a nuisance.

The Council is always looking for opportunities to plant new trees, on Council owned land or on road verges, County Council permitting, where they are likely to enhance the local environment. Indeed, the Council

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is currently working with Project Leaders and volunteers carrying out tree and shrub planting to enhance wildlife conservation projects in a corner of the Allotments and on the boundary of Denefields, to help replace trees felled last year by Matlock Town Football Club.

Cllr Martin Burfoot, Lead Member for the Environment on the Town Council, who is organising the work, said "As a responsible Council, but with only limited responsibility for public realm trees, we are determined to ensure that our trees are properly managed, so that they can make a lasting contribution to Matlock's environmental quality. We try to encourage other landowners and developers to plant more trees and welcome any planting suggestions from members of the public".

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