



Tree Management, Advisory & Woodland Services

124 Wyke Road Woodland Management

I was contacted by an architect who I had worked with on a number of projects previously; he was designing an extension for a client who had a protected $\frac{1}{2}$ acre woodland area adjacent to their property. The woodland had never been proactively managed in the past, and he asked whether I was interested in being involved with the project.

The clients were concerned about the safety of their trees and because the woodland was bordered by the gardens of three domestic properties, they were keen to understand their legal responsibilities with regard to tree safety, and also wanted to improve the quality of the woodland for their own personal, long term benefit.

My services were engaged to undertake an assessment of the trees in the woodland in order to produce a sustainable management plan. The aims of the woodland survey and management plan were to help my clients dispense their legal duty of care as the land-owner, with regards to safety; increase the biodiversity and long term environmental benefit of the woodland, enhance its aesthetics, amenity value and ultimately, its financial value.

All trees were tagged and plotted using GIS in order to produce an accurate plan of the site and assist future identification. All findings and recommendations were detailed in a report along with a replacement native tree and shrub planting specification. The report was utilised as part of the planning application to carry out the required tree felling and removal works; subsequently, the application gained consent from the local authority.

The engagement of my services also helped my clients dispense their duty of care; one hazardous tree was discovered during the assessment process, and was removed with immediate effect, under a Section 198 notice, which is a legislative exemption for protected trees that are dead, dying or classified as dangerous.

Instigation of the management plan will mean that my clients can improve and enjoy their woodland in the future, rather than feel threatened by it.