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Dear Clerk to Parish/Town Council

TREES IN CONSERVATION AREAS AND TREES SUBJECT TO TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS

Unfortunately there have been a number of instances recently in which trees located within Conservation Areas and trees subject to Tree Preservation Orders have been felled or have had pruning works undertaken without the correct notification / application procedures being followed. This leaves those who have instructed or undertaken the works open to prosecution and large fines.

As a council we wish to avoid taking residents and local businesses to court particularly where works are undertaken in ignorance of the legislation that protects trees. The council would therefore appreciate it if you could help 'spread the word' that unauthorised works to protected trees are not acceptable and that the council will seriously consider prosecution of land owners (including home owners) and tree work contractors who fail to follow the correct procedures.

Valuable trees have been lost and damaged and this has a negative effect on the landscape and ecology of the area we live and work in.

Trees within Conservation Areas and those subject to Tree Preservation Orders are protected.

The websites below include maps which show the locations and areas subject to Tree Preservation Orders and Conservation Areas.

<http://www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/planning-a-building-control/conservation/conservation-areas>

<https://data.gov.uk/dataset/b239a29f-87df-4ea0-a3af-e517a5dda2b0/derbyshire-dales-tree-preservation-orders>

It is clearly in everybody's interest that the correct procedures are followed to ensure the law is not broken.

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Whilst it is impractical to write to all land owners and home owners, we will also be writing to planning agents and tree work contractors who are active within our district to ensure that all our protected trees are appropriately safeguarded from unauthorised works.

Please find attached some information regarding protected trees that we hope you will find helpful. Feel free to distribute this as widely as possible to whoever you feel would benefit from it. I trust that you find this advice beneficial and look forward to working with you in the future to ensure our important trees are protected.

Yours sincerely



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