

SGEG Tree Group

Members of SGEG made two autumn inspections of Shamley Green's common land trees in October and November 2023. With 140 trees to check this takes quite a while, but it gives us the opportunity to spot any problems, some trivial like missing tags or stakes that need removing, others potentially more serious signs of disease like fungal fruiting bodies or flaking bark. It's also a great forum for discussion about wider issues – do we want to maintain areas of coppice for instance, to provide shelter for wildlife? How do we manage trees affected by epidemics like ash die back? We were pleased to be joined by a colleague from the Wonersh tree group keen to see what we do, and we have made recommendations to the Parish Council and Waverley for follow up action.



Here we are in action checking the pin oak (no.33) on Malt House Green and discussing the sprouting stump of the horse chestnut (no.46) on Duck Pond Green felled in 2022.

Our report and lots of information about all our trees is on our website <https://www.shamleygreenenvironment.co.uk/trees>. There you will also find a link to the full inventory with detailed observations about each tree. We are working with Wonersh Environment Advisory Group and the Parish Council to design an interactive mapping system for both villages which will make it easier to access to and update our data.

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