



- 3. The legal Duty of Care requires that all works to trees should be carried out by qualified, arboricultural contractors working according to Health & Safety Executive guidelines. All treeworks should be carried out to arboricultural industry best practice and comply with BS 3998:2010 'Tree work -Recommendations'. All tree management work must take account of the Wildlife and Countryside Act, 1981, as amended by the Countryside and Rights of Way Act, 2000, which makes it a criminal offence to disturb, injure or kill bats or nesting birds and other protected animals.
- Important hedgerows may be protected if they are in the countryside, are over 20m long and over 30 years old, provide habitats for protected species or have been designated as such by a local planning authority.
- 5. Tree health and condition can change over time and be affected by the environment, therefore, regular periodic inspections are recommended and a qualified arboriculturalist consulted if any concerns are identified.

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