

SALTASH TOWN COUNCIL'S VOLUNTARY TREE WARDENS' REPORT

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The three Tree Wardens visited the site on Thursday 5th May, which was of course before planning permission had been given. The owner was not present, but had given us prior permission to access all trees concerned.

We discovered that the work was actually done and completed on Saturday 7th May. Adrian revisited on 10th to check, and found the willow had been felled and the cherry crown thinned (the 3rd tree, labelled as 'elm', in the back garden, was not inspected on this later visit).

We cannot find any justification for this. The application is a standard application for 'Works to Trees' and not a notification of work that needs to be completed urgently. And we note that the application was registered on 28th April 2022 so there has not been undue delay in dealing with it.

It does appear that the tree surgeon has worked illegally on trees that are protected by a tree preservation order.

We would ask STC to put in a request to Cornwall Council that the illegal work be followed up rigorously by them, so that a precedent is not set in the conservation area.

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