

Lifton Parish Council Meeting – 27th February 2025
Agenda item 6.1 – Highways Update

The following notices/issues have been reported to or from Devon Highways since the last meeting, as follows:

W251833876 - Thank you for the following report: Problem: Hazardous Trees, Leaning, unstable, dying or diseased trees. Location: Darkey Lane, Lifton. Date reported: 20/02/2025.

Our Highway Services Team will investigate your report and consider the next appropriate course of action. For action to be taken the issue must qualify as meeting the intervention criteria as detailed in our [Highway Safety](#) The types of action which may be undertaken are;

- Arranging for any necessary tree surgery to be undertaken - this will generally either be immediately, or within 6 months
- Writing to the tree's owner and instructing them to take action, and receiving confirmation from the owner that they will take responsibility for the issue
- Determining that we do not need to take any further action because:
There is insufficient information for us to be able to investigate the issue
There is no or insufficient risk to the highway
There is a risk to private property, but the tree is not our responsibility.

In order to determine the above, we may arrange for the tree to be inspected by a qualified arborist, or by a local Neighbourhood Highway Officer. For further information on how we undertake tree safety management: [please click here.](#)

Other highways matters:

Whitely Hill embankment reinstatement – response from South West Water:

Our intention is to reinstate the hedgerows in October this year, we still require access until September, the take rate of the hedgerow is also much higher in Oct/Nov .

Leat Road – Fallen tree: A resident contacted the Clerk regarding a fallen tree on/over Leat Road, opposite the QEII Recreation Ground. The tree was identified as not being on parish council-owned land; the resident had already made a report to DCC and contacted the Police. The Clerk liaised with the Parish Chairman on this matter. The resident/land owner was advised to contact a local contractor and for the matter to be dealt with privately given the tree itself and the land it was rooted on did not belong to Lifton PC.

Lifton Community Speed Watch Group: A speed data report will be made available at the next meeting.