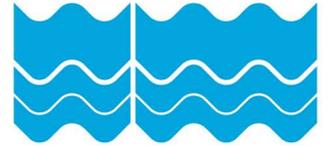


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Hedge and tree cutting - your responsibilities

Maintaining hedges

Most hedges are the responsibility of the person who owns the land next to the road. If we notice during a routine inspection, or receive a complaint, that hedges are overhanging a road or pavement, we will ask the landowner to cut them back. If they fail to do this we may serve a formal notice. The owner could face legal action from an injured member of the public. We maintain hedges on highway land and cut them as necessary.

How you can help us

- Maintain your own hedges and trees safely and responsibly;
- Let us know about any junction where the view is blocked by overgrown hedges or long grass, and;
- Check trees regularly, diseased or dead trees can be a danger.

Overhanging vegetation - Guidance for property owners

- Does your hedge restrict the width of the pavement?
- Are people forced to walk at the edge of the pavement, or even on the road?
- Do trees on your land overhang the road?
- Do trees have a preservation order on them?

Think about the effect this has on all highway users.

Overhanging branches are a hazard for buses, lorries and pedestrians; particularly the blind, elderly and people in wheelchairs and mobility scooters/buggies. On the back of this leaflet there is advice about cutting back overhanging vegetation.

**Don't delay, clear the way
– You know it makes sense.**



