

**VISUAL INSPECTION OF MATURE OAK TREE SITUATED IN THE GARDEN OF 2 PARK VIEW,
EGREMONT.**

The tree occupies a dominant site between the house and a frequently used public road. The tree is on the boundary of the property line and the crown extends both towards the house and out over the public road. The tree dominates the site due to its sheer size.

It appears that the tree as had some branches removed in the past but has not had any recent work carried out to reduce or enhance the tree.

1. It appears that the lower branches across the road may be a risk to high sided vehicles. And some smaller branches show damage (possibly) from being hit by taller vehicles
2. The pavement under / next to the tree is showing some signs of 'lifting' this could be caused by the primary roots system from the tree, however this is only an opinion and would need further investigation to confirm.
3. There are signs of previous branch damage within the tree, leading to the conclusion that at some point a secondary branch has failed and broken free. The cause of such failure is unclear; however, the crown has several crossing branches within its canopy, which could potentially, over time, become weak and fail. This may be the reason for previous branch failure but is not conclusive.
4. Some branches are extending out towards and over the edge of the house, these branches have the potential to cause damage to guttering and main roof if a branch were to fail, or in high wind / stormy weather.

The tree is a mature Oak with an extensive canopy and appears to have outgrown its current position.

Reducing the crown to a level that would address points 1, 3, & 4 would require a crown reduction which would be more than those recommended in British Standards 3998 2010 and could lead to a sudden decline in the tree.

The following points are based on an informal initial visual inspection of the tree situated in the garden at 2 park view, Egremont, they do not constitute a full tree survey or assessment of potential risk.