

Ainstable Parish Council,

2022 Survey of Trees  
Planted In 1990s

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## Information

This is a short report of the condition of the trees identified in 2019 as probably having been planted by the Ainstable Parish Council in the 1990s. Where trees are numbered, these numbers refer to the tree numbers in the original survey in 2019.

## Method

During June this year, I travelled around the Parish to check the trees. At this time the trees were in full leaf and any loss of foliage in the canopy would be visible. I checked the trees again, but more closely, on Saturday 15th October, at which time fungi fruiting bodies are most likely to be visible indicators of decay.

## Notes Made

Beck Brow - Bell House - Holmwrangle Road: Nothing of note

Bascodyke Road - Ruckcroft (Rose Farm): Nothing of note.

Cairnhead Farm - Quarry: Nothing of note

Ainstable Methodist Chapel: Nothing of note

Ainstable Church Institute:

Tree 5, a cherry, was showing a reduced canopy in June. Last year, in the QTRA scale I rated the tree at 5 (where 7 is a healthy tree and 1 is a dead tree). This year the canopy was in a similar condition, and I rated it at 5 again.

I found less fungal fruiting bodies around the base of the tree, both in size and number. I did follow up visits, but did not find any further fruiting bodies. Of course fungal fruiting bodies are expected to vary from year to year, like plants, including trees. This year the weather remained mild through November.

## **Conclusion**

The cherry tree 5 outside the Ainstable Church Institute should continue be monitored, as its condition is poor. There is little likelihood of significant damage should this tree fail. It leans towards the road. It is a little used road, giving access to the Institute, one dwelling, and the Church. There is rarely parking under the tree.



Fig. 1. Photograph of concerning cherry tree near the Church Institute. Some dying branches can be seen at the top of the canopy. Taken 15th October 2022.



Fig. 2. Photograph of top of canopy in Fig. 1. above.





Figs. 3,4 & 5. Showing photographs of the small fungal fruiting bodies found near the base of the concerning cherry tree outside the Church Institute.



Figs. 6, 7 & 8. Showing photographs of Newbiggin Green, where the vegetation has not been mown under and around the trees after one parishioner kept driving across it. Although fungal fruiting bodies coming up from the ground are now harder to locate, there are no concerns about these trees, as they all appear healthy.

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