



Invicta Arboriculture  
Tree and Woodland Consultancy

## **Arboricultural Condition Report**

Hawkshill Freedown  
Liverpool road  
Walmer  
Kent  
CT14 7PT

13<sup>th</sup> February 2026



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# 1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 **Instruction:** I am instructed by Walmer Parish Council to undertake a comprehensive hazard assessment tree survey of all trees at Hawkshill Freedown, Liverpool Road, Walmer, Kent, CT14 7PT and to provide an arboricultural report on any trees which are considered to pose an unacceptable risk to the health and safety of users of the site and make recommendations for their immediate and/or future management.
- 1.2 **Qualifications and experience:** I have based this report on my site observations, and I have come to conclusions in the light of my experience as an arboriculturist.
- 1.3 **Documents and information provided:** I was not provided with any documents.
- 1.4 **Relevant background information:** This report was commissioned by Walmer Parish Council in order to fulfil its duty of care in relation to its tree stock at Hawkshill Freedown.
- 1.5 **Collection of data:** I undertook an accompanied visit to the site on the 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026 with Mr Roland Aldred of Walmer Parish Council. The inspection was carried out using visual observation techniques from accessible points at ground level. The weather at the time of inspection was mild, still and cloudy with good visibility.

The survey was carried out using the following inspection aids:

- Digital clinometer - To calculate the height of the tree.
  - Compass - To determine the four cardinal points.
  - Sounding mallet – To detect cavities.
- 1.6 **Scope of this report and limitations:** This report is only concerned with the structural and physiological condition of the eleven trees that are considered to possess noteworthy features, defects or whereby their structural and/or physiological condition is considered to be compromised in such a way that may pose an unacceptable risk to users of the site and those using private dwellings, public highways and rights of way adjacent to the site and are shown on the site plan included at appendix A. These plans are for illustrative purposes only and should not be used for directly scaling measurements. All the relevant information on them is contained within this report. It takes no account of any other trees. It includes a detailed assessment based on the site visit.

This report is only concerned with the eleven trees found that have clear, observable features and detectable defects. All trees present within the site boundaries have been assessed from accessible points at ground level. Trees that are not listed within the schedule were considered to display good overall form and vitality with no significant visible structural or physiological defects; that is not to say that their condition may change over time (for example, internal decay that was undetectable, suspected or otherwise unforeseeable at the time of inspection could quite reasonably advance rapidly between inspections and lead to the structural failure of the affected part), however at the point of inspection they were deemed to pose an acceptable risk.

Trees and shrubs are living organisms whose health and stability can change rapidly especially following extreme weather events and therefore the recommendations given in this report are valid for a period of twelve months.

All tree work should be carried out to B.S. 3998:2010 *Recommendations for Tree Work* or as modified by more recent research. It is advisable to select a contractor from the local authority list and preferably one approved by the Arboricultural Association. Their Register of Contractors is available free from The Malthouse, Stroud Green, Standish, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 3DL – 01242 522152 and can also be found on their website: <http://www.trees.org.uk/find-a-professional/Directory-of-Tree-Surgeons>.

- 1.7 **Trees subject to statutory controls:** The trees subject to this report are not subject to any Tree Preservation Orders, nor do they stand within a Conservation Area and as such there is no requirement to notify the local planning authority (Dover District Council) prior to undertaking the prescribed works.
- 1.8 **Other Considerations:** The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 as amended by the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 provides statutory protection to birds, bats and other species that inhabit trees. All tree work operations are covered by these provisions and care must be taken before undertaking any works that might constitute an offence.



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# Hawkshill Freedown, Liverpool Road, Walmer, Kent, CT14 7PT

February 16, 2026 |  
Total Tree Count: 11

Common ash Tree ID #1

86 Liverpool Road

Tree Details

|                          |                                                              |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| Common Name:             | Common ash                                                   |
| Scientific Name:         | Fraxinus excelsior                                           |
| Tree Height [m]:         | 14                                                           |
| Life Stage:              | Early-mature                                                 |
| Physiological Condition: | Dead                                                         |
| Structural Condition:    | Poor                                                         |
| Comments:                | The tree is dead and leans towards the adjacent access road. |
| Recommendations:         | Fell to ground level.                                        |
| Priority:                | Priority 2 - 3 months                                        |

Tree Location

|            |                   |
|------------|-------------------|
| Address:   | 86 Liverpool Road |
| City:      | Walmer            |
| Longitude: | 1.396011          |
| Latitude:  | 51.198416         |

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Common ash Tree ID #2

86 Liverpool Road

Tree Details

|                          |                                                                                                                                |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Common Name:             | Common ash                                                                                                                     |
| Scientific Name:         | Fraxinus excelsior                                                                                                             |
| Tree Height [m]:         | 15                                                                                                                             |
| Life Stage:              | Mature                                                                                                                         |
| Physiological Condition: | Poor                                                                                                                           |
| Structural Condition:    | Poor                                                                                                                           |
| Comments:                | The tree has partially uprooted and fallen away from the car park and is hung up within the canopies of the trees to the east. |
| Recommendations:         | Fell to ground level.                                                                                                          |
| Priority:                | Priority 2 - 3 months                                                                                                          |

Tree Location

|            |                   |
|------------|-------------------|
| Address:   | 86 Liverpool Road |
| City:      | Walmer            |
| Longitude: | 1.396051          |
| Latitude:  | 51.198424         |

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Common ash Tree ID #3

86 Liverpool Road

Tree Details

|                          |                                                                                                                         |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Common Name:             | Common ash                                                                                                              |
| Scientific Name:         | Fraxinus excelsior                                                                                                      |
| Tree Height [m]:         | 14                                                                                                                      |
| Life Stage:              | Early-mature                                                                                                            |
| Physiological Condition: | Poor                                                                                                                    |
| Structural Condition:    | Poor                                                                                                                    |
| Comments:                | The tree appears to be predominantly dead with evidence of root decay at its base. The tree leans towards the car park. |
| Recommendations:         | Fell to ground level.                                                                                                   |
| Priority:                | Priority 2 - 3 months                                                                                                   |

Tree Location

|            |                   |
|------------|-------------------|
| Address:   | 86 Liverpool Road |
| City:      | Walmer            |
| Longitude: | 1.396030          |
| Latitude:  | 51.198433         |

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Common ash Tree ID #4

84 Liverpool Road

Tree Details

|                          |                                                                            |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Common Name:             | Common ash                                                                 |
| Scientific Name:         | Fraxinus excelsior                                                         |
| Tree Height [m]:         | 14                                                                         |
| Life Stage:              | Early-mature                                                               |
| Physiological Condition: | Poor                                                                       |
| Structural Condition:    | Poor                                                                       |
| Comments:                | The tree has partially uprooted and is leaning over the adjacent car park. |
| Recommendations:         | Fell to ground level.                                                      |
| Priority:                | Priority 2 - 3 months                                                      |

Tree Location

|            |                   |
|------------|-------------------|
| Address:   | 84 Liverpool Road |
| City:      | Walmer            |
| Longitude: | 1.396020          |
| Latitude:  | 51.198447         |

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Common ash Tree ID #5

2 Gram's Road

Tree Details

|                          |                    |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Common Name:             | Common ash         |
| Scientific Name:         | Fraxinus excelsior |
| Tree Height [m]:         | 12                 |
| Life Stage:              | Early-mature       |
| Physiological Condition: | Dead               |
| Structural Condition:    | Poor               |

Comments:

The tree is dead and partially uprooted. The tree leans away from the footpath and into the woodland area to the west. The risk to users of the site is extremely low as there is no public access in to the area within which the tree leans. The wildlife conservation value of the dead leaning tree is considerable and its retention desirable.

Recommendations:

None.

Priority:

Tree Location

|            |               |
|------------|---------------|
| Address:   | 2 Gram's Road |
| City:      | Walmer        |
| Longitude: | 1.396124      |
| Latitude:  | 51.199647     |

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Common ash Tree ID #6

2 Gram's Road

Tree Details

|                          |                    |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Common Name:             | Common ash         |
| Scientific Name:         | Fraxinus excelsior |
| Tree Height [m]:         | 11                 |
| Life Stage:              | Early-mature       |
| Physiological Condition: | Dead               |
| Structural Condition:    | Poor               |

Comments:

The tree is dead and partially collapsed. The tree leans away from the footpath and into the woodland area to the west. The risk to users of the site is extremely low as there is no public access in to the area within which the tree leans. The wildlife conservation value of the dead leaning tree is considerable and its retention desirable.

Recommendations:

None.

Priority:

Tree Location

|            |               |
|------------|---------------|
| Address:   | 2 Gram's Road |
| City:      | Walmer        |
| Longitude: | 1.396128      |
| Latitude:  | 51.199672     |

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Common ash Tree ID #7

82 Liverpool Road

Tree Details

|                          |                                                                                                                                                         |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Common Name:             | Common ash                                                                                                                                              |
| Scientific Name:         | Fraxinus excelsior                                                                                                                                      |
| Tree Height [m]:         | 22                                                                                                                                                      |
| Life Stage:              | Mature                                                                                                                                                  |
| Physiological Condition: | Dead                                                                                                                                                    |
| Structural Condition:    | Poor                                                                                                                                                    |
| Comments:                | Large multi-stem dead tree standing on the embankment directly above the adjacent highway. The tree poses an unacceptable risk to users of the highway. |
| Recommendations:         | Fell to ground level.                                                                                                                                   |
| Priority:                | Priority 2 - 3 months                                                                                                                                   |

Tree Location

|            |                   |
|------------|-------------------|
| Address:   | 82 Liverpool Road |
| City:      | Walmer            |
| Longitude: | 1.395846          |
| Latitude:  | 51.200063         |

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Sycamore Tree ID #8

2 Gram's Road

Tree Details

|                          |                                                                                                                                   |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Common Name:             | Sycamore                                                                                                                          |
| Scientific Name:         | Acer pseudoplatanus                                                                                                               |
| Tree Height [m]:         | 12                                                                                                                                |
| Life Stage:              | Mature                                                                                                                            |
| Physiological Condition: | Good                                                                                                                              |
| Structural Condition:    | Good                                                                                                                              |
| Comments:                | Large diameter (>50mm) dead hung up branches at approximately eight metres above ground level on the northern side of the canopy. |
| Recommendations:         | Remove dead hung up branches.                                                                                                     |
| Priority:                | Priority 4 - 12 months                                                                                                            |

Tree Location

|            |               |
|------------|---------------|
| Address:   | 2 Gram's Road |
| City:      | Walmer        |
| Longitude: | 1.395729      |
| Latitude:  | 51.199658     |

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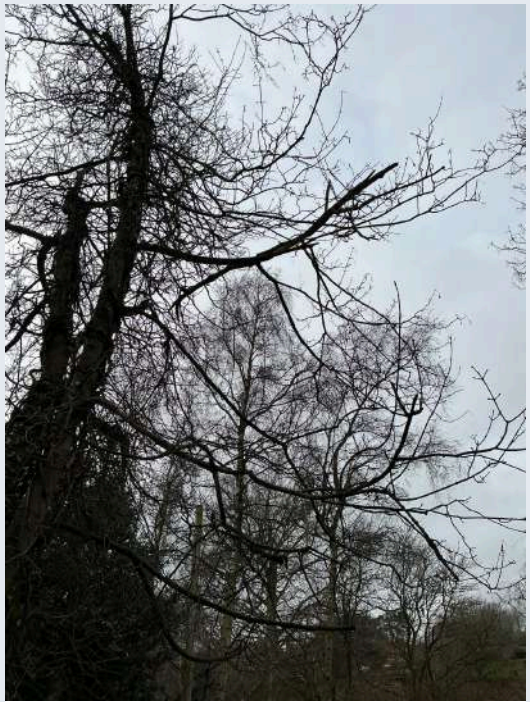


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Common ash Tree ID #9

2 Gram's Road

Tree Details

Common Name:Common ash

Scientific Name:Fraxinus excelsior

Tree Height [m]:18

Life Stage:Mature

Physiological Condition:Fair

Structural Condition:Good

Comments:

Ash dieback is evident within the canopy. Large diameter (>50mm) deadwood is evident at approximately eight to ten metres above ground level within the west facing canopy above the adjacent highway

Recommendations:Prune out all large diameter deadwood.

Priority:Priority 3 - 6 months

Tree Location

Address:2 Gram's Road

City:Walmer

Longitude:1.395732

Latitude:51.199538

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Common ash Tree ID #10

2 Gram's Road

Tree Details

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|--------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Common Name:             | Common ash                                                                                           |
| Scientific Name:         | Fraxinus excelsior                                                                                   |
| Tree Height [m]:         | 10                                                                                                   |
| Life Stage:              | Early-mature                                                                                         |
| Physiological Condition: | Dead                                                                                                 |
| Structural Condition:    | Poor                                                                                                 |
| Comments:                | The tree has buckled at four metres above ground level and collapsed over the informal access track. |
| Recommendations:         | Fell to ground level.                                                                                |
| Priority:                | Priority 2 - 3 months                                                                                |

Tree Location

|            |               |
|------------|---------------|
| Address:   | 2 Gram's Road |
| City:      | Walmer        |
| Longitude: | 1.395861      |
| Latitude:  | 51.199312     |

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Common ash Tree ID #11

2 Gram's Road

| Tree Details             |                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Common Name:             | Common ash                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Scientific Name:         | Fraxinus excelsior                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Tree Height [m]:         | 14                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Life Stage:              | Early-mature                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Physiological Condition: | Dead                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Structural Condition:    | Poor                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Comments:                | Group of three dead, ivy clad trees located centrally within the site and are considered to pose an extremely low risk to users. Their retention is desirable for nature conservation purposes. |
| Recommendations:         | None.                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Priority:                |                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

Tree Location

Address:

2 Gram's Road

City:

Walmer

Longitude:

1.396113

Latitude:

51.199245

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