

Tree Policy
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Farnham Royal Parish Council (FRPC) values the importance of the retention of the wooded areas and trees in the Parish and have adopted this Tree Policy so that trees should be retained in their natural state as far as possible unless otherwise required for sound arboricultural reasons.

The priority of FRPC is to safely maintain and retain as many native trees as practicable on land under its control.

As part of this policy it follows that FRPC will :-

- 1 Remove foreign harmful invasive species from all land it controls. This would include Japanese Knotweed and Rhododendron.
- 2 Control species which are native but can be invasive – that is, can overwhelm other species - or are difficult to maintain. This would include Ivy and Holly.
- 3 Holly should be removed if it is close to footways or paths and could interfere with the passage of pedestrians.
- 4 Ivy should be controlled (by cutting it away at the base of a tree where necessary) on trees close to footways, paths or public spaces so that trees can be properly inspected for safety.
- 5 In all other areas Ivy should only be controlled where it is observed to be interfering with the health of the tree.
- 6 Where trees and shrubs are to be cleared, then the logs should be stacked neatly off the footways and paths and the cut branches and leaves (especially evergreens such as Pine and Holly) should be removed as far as reasonably practicable.

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