

## **Trees Committee Report 2022 – John Dixon**

A professional survey of the trees on the Estate was carried out in June. The survey covered the green in Leaside Way, Field Close, the green on Bassett Green Road, the small triangular green on Stoneham Lane and the avenue trees in Ethelburt Avenue.

The trees on the greens in Ethelburt Avenue were not surveyed as they are currently the responsibility of the lessee, Abri. The street trees in Leaside Way were also not surveyed as they are the responsibility of the Southampton City Council.

The survey listed a number of trees that needed attention. The large Monterey cypress in Field Close and the large ash on the border of the small triangular green on Stoneham Lane both require major work and quotes for the work are being sought. Much of the smaller work will hopefully be within the capability of the tree committee volunteers.

Many of the trees on the Estate have suffered from the exceptionally dry summer. A plea for residents to water the trees was put out in the Newsletter as well as on Facebook.

Our thanks go to Andy Fisher, who has had to step down as Chairman of the tree committee for personal reasons. We must now find his replacement as well as further volunteers to maintain and renew the wonderful trees which are such a feature of our Estate.