EVOLVE
TREE MANAGEMENT

Kirkby Stephen Town Council – Tree Works and Management Programme 2026–2036

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1. Introduction

This programme provides an indicative schedule to assist Kirkby Stephen Town Council in coordinating the recommendations contained within the five existing arboricultural reports, alongside the proposed Jubilee Park management plan due in 2027.

The programme brings together tree safety works, ongoing management, planting and future inspections over a ten-year period.

Risk-related works must be completed within the timescales specified in the individual reports. Other management activities may be adjusted to reflect available resources, funding and changing site conditions.

Safety and risk works

Safety-related works should be undertaken within the timescales specified in the individual arboricultural reports. The following table provides a summary of the required works.

Site and tree references	Work summary	Original deadline
Hills Bottom G001, T008	Remove the three marked G001 trees with T008; fell both T008 stems and plant the specified tulip tree.	Within 3 months Category 2
Hills Bottom T003	Fell; leave stump below 200 mm.	Within 12 months Category 3
Hills Bottom T001	Establish ownership; contact the responsible owner regarding removal of the dead ash or overhanging parts. Ownership unconfirmed.	Before March 2028 reinspection Category 4
Hills Bottom T002, T004, T005	Remove and undertake specified replacement planting: downy birch at T002; dawn redwood at T004; walnut and downy birch at T005.	Before March 2028 reinspection Category 4
Eden Bridge T001	Remove hanging branch over the road; reduce the overextended lateral limb to the point shown in the report photograph.	Within 12 months Category 3
Stenkirth Park T001, T004	Remove both trees. Retain T001 timber beside the stump to decay naturally, as specified.	Within 12 months Category 3
Christian Head T002, T005, T007	T002: specified deadwood removal and crown raising. T005: road clearance and removal of defective western branch. T007: remove and replace with Cercidiphyllum japonicum.	Within 12 months Category 3
Silver Street Gardens	No safety works specified; ivy management is general management.	No safety deadline

2. Council-wide management programme years 1–5

● indicates scheduled work. Continue routine clearance and planting aftercare as needed between phases.

Management activity	Year 1 2026/27	Year 2 2027/28	Year 3 2028/29	Year 4 2029/30	Year 5 2030/31
Eden Bridge					
Initial woodland thinning	●				
Selective riverbank thinning		●		●	
Roadside and footpath clearance	●				●
Canopy and shrub planting following thinning					●
Review woodland development and future thinning					●
Hills Bottom					
Selective riverbank thinning	●		●		●
Replacement planting phases		●		●	
Progressive poor-quality bird cherry management		●			
Footpath clearance	●		●		●
T006 branch removal and T007 removal		●			
Stenkirth Park					
Remove competing oak adjacent to retained T003	●				
Vegetation management along footpaths	●				
Selective thinning to improve views	●		●		●
Woodland succession and species diversification			●		
Christian Head					
Car park replacement and succession planting	●				
General tree management		●			●
Silver Street Gardens					
Ivy management	●		●		●
Jubilee Park					
Tree risk and management survey summer 2028		●			
Council-wide					
Woodland Management Plan preparation covering Eden Bridge, Stenkirth Park and Jubilee Park		●			
Review the whole management programme and plan years 6–10					●

3. Indicative Programme years 6–10

The programme should be reviewed approximately every five years to assess progress, consider changing site conditions and identify future management requirements.

Tree safety re-inspections should continue at the intervals recommended in the individual reports. Any additional inspections or management reviews should be undertaken as specified within those reports.

Year and season	Planned management
6 · 2031/32	Eden Bridge riverbank thinning; Hills Bottom replacement planting.
7 · 2032/33	Hills Bottom riverbank thinning and footpath clearance; Stenkirth Park diversification; Christian Head general management; Silver Street ivy management.
8 · 2033/34	Eden Bridge riverbank thinning.
9 · 2034/35	Hills Bottom riverbank thinning and footpath clearance; Stenkirth Park diversification; Christian Head general management; Silver Street ivy management.
10 · 2035/36	Eden Bridge woodland development review and assessment of future thinning requirements.

4. Inspection and reinspection schedule

Timing	Site and scope
August 2027	Stenkirth Park T002 beech: in-leaf review of crown vitality and basal condition, with comparison against current and previous photographs.
March 2028	Stenkirth Park and Hills Bottom: scheduled site reinspections.
April 2028	Eden Bridge and Christian Head: scheduled site reinspections; at Eden Bridge, also review initial woodland and riverbank management progress.
Summer 2027	Jubilee Park: tree risk assessment and management considerations survey; inform the year 2 Woodland Management Plan.
November 2029	Silver Street Gardens: scheduled site reinspection.
Following each inspection	Set the next inspection date according to findings. Later inspection intervals are not fixed by this programme.