

Arboriculture Services

The arboricultural team operate within Fylde Council's Parks and Coastal Services and are responsible for the management and maintenance of the Council's tree stock on parks, open spaces and cemeteries.

They also undertake similar work for town and parish councils as well as residential and commercial customers. Their work includes carrying out tree inspections, providing advice and guidance, as well as undertake a wide range of specialist practical tree works.

A summary of the arboricultural team's responsibilities is listed below, however a more detailed pictorial guide of different tree management techniques is shown further below.

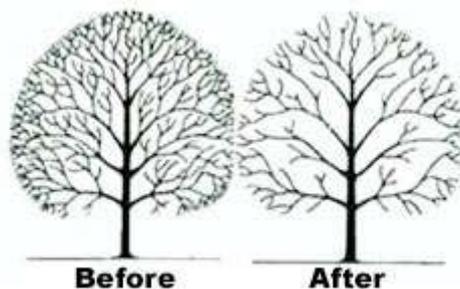
- Crown thinning
- Crown lifting
- Crown reduction
- Pollarding
- Felling
- Deadwood removal
- Woodland management
- Hedge and shrub work
- Stump grinding and removal
- Emergency and dangerous tree operations
- Safety inspections
- Plotting and surveys

Contact Us

If you have an enquiry or concern about a tree on Council property or wish to request a quotation for tree work, please contact us:

1. 9.00am – 5.00pm Monday – Friday, Parks and Coastal Services: T: 01253 658684.
E: nina.featherstone@fylde.gov.uk
2. **Out of hours emergencies T: 07970 645871**

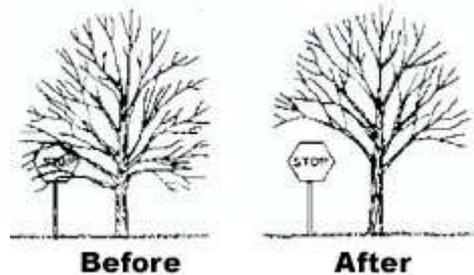
Crown Thinning



This is the removal of selected live branches growing throughout the crown of the tree. Crown thinning can result in an even distribution of foliage therefore allowing light penetration and

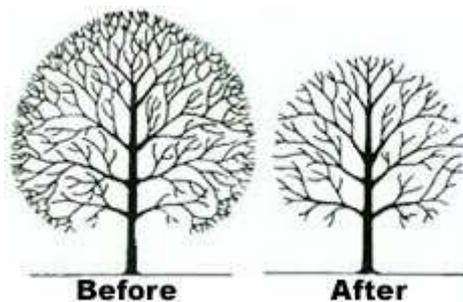
reducing wind resistance on the tree. This type of pruning can reduce the potential for storm damage.

Crown Lifting



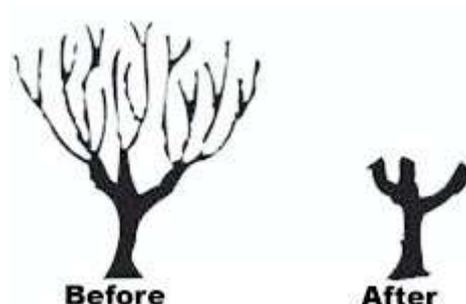
This is the selective removal of the lower branches of the trees crown. This is done to prevent danger to pedestrians or vehicles, which may pass the tree, or it can be done to allow light through.

Crown Reduction



This is done to allow the continued conservation of the tree where structural problems might otherwise demand the loss of the tree. Crown Reduction is used to reduce the height and / or spread of the crown of a tree by the removal of the ends of the branches whilst maintaining the trees natural shape as far as possible.

Pollarding



This is a heavy crown reduction technique and is appropriate where the crown of a tree is too large for its location or in some instances where extensive defects and weaknesses might make the tree unstable. Severe pruning of this type can cause vigorous re-growth on the tree.

Tree Felling

This is the complete removal of a tree. It is necessary to do this to dead, dying or diseased trees to prevent damage or injuries. This can be done by straight felling (where space permits) or by dismantling the tree in sections. Removal is advised when:

- The tree is dead or dying
- The tree is considered irreparably hazardous
- The tree is causing an obstruction that is impossible to correct through pruning
- The tree is crowding and causing harm to other trees

Deadwood Pruning

Removing dead or weak limbs that pose a hazard or may lead to decay. Performing this kind of pruning can prolong the life of a tree and prevent damage to property as well as prevent injuries to anyone who may be struck by a falling dead branch.

Emergency Tree Care

Removing limbs damaged by adverse weather conditions. Storms may cause limbs or entire trees to fall, often landing on homes, cars, and other structures or other trees. The weight of storm-damaged trees is great and they can be very dangerous to remove or trim. We can assist in performing the job in a safe manner while reducing further risk of damage to your property.