



Safety and Condition Tree Survey

Tree Survey at St. Francis Collage, Broadway,
Letchworth Garden City SG6 3PJ

Date: 28th January 2026

Client: St Francis College





Instruction:

The Blue Tree Company Ltd has been instructed to perform a Tree Safety and Condition tree survey at the above address. The Survey was carried out 28th Jan 2026

Site information: The site is situated in a Conservation area and trees are protected by Tree Preservation Orders. All works (apart from dead and dangerous) will be subject to an application to North Herts District Council. This process can take up to 8 weeks.

Limitations:

Limited Visibility: Limited visibility due to foliage, especially during certain seasons, can hinder a comprehensive assessment of tree conditions.

Seasonal Variations: Tree conditions can vary significantly with seasons, making it challenging to capture an accurate representation during a specific survey period. It is recommended that the trees are surveyed every 15 months. This is to allow the surveyor to see the condition of the trees in different seasons giving a full picture over a relatively short time period (6.5 years).

Hidden Defects: Some defects, such as internal decay or structural weaknesses, may not be visible during a visual inspection and may require additional diagnostic tools such as resistograph or sonic tomography.

Site Accessibility: Limited access to certain areas of the site may restrict the surveyor from assessing all trees, potentially leading to incomplete data.

Incomplete History: Lack of historical information about the trees, including previous maintenance or disease incidents, may limit the ability to assess the long-term health and stability of the trees.

Underground Issues: Subsurface conditions, such as root health and soil stability, may not be fully assessed during a standard above-ground survey.

Weather Conditions: Adverse weather conditions, such as heavy rain or strong winds, can affect the accuracy of the survey and may necessitate additional visits. This survey is valid for 15 months or wind force 5+ is experienced.

Dynamic Tree Growth: Trees are dynamic and can change over time. The assessment is a snapshot, and conditions may evolve, affecting the accuracy of the survey results over the long term.





Data Interpretation: Subjectivity in interpreting certain signs and symptoms may lead to variations in the assessment, especially in cases where the distinction between a hazard and a normal condition is ambiguous.

Contents: The contents are intended for the sole use of the client and the property owner. No liability is accepted for their use by any other parties to advance an argument or claim (including legal or financial) without prior consent

Risk: This report examines strategies for minimizing risks rather than completely eliminating them. Consequently, retaining the tree will still entail a certain level of risk. The clients acknowledge and accept any risks associated with these constraints.

Tree Schedule Key:

Reference: Allocated number or tag number of the specific trees.

Species: Species name of tree. Given in Latin and Common format.

Measurements: Height, crown spread, number of stems, Approximate age (life stage) of tree. Normally this will be given in Meters.

Survey Notes: A brief description of any notable features on each tree.

Condition: A general overview of the condition of the tree given as Good, Fair, Poor, Dead.

Recommendations/Timescale: Recommendations for any remedial works and the time frame in which it should be completed.





Tree Schedule

Ref No	species	Measurements (Estimated)	Notes	Condition	Recommendation
T001	Cherry plum 'Pissardii' (<i>Prunus cerasifera</i> 'Pissardi')	Height (m): 6 Crown Radius (m): 4 Life Stage: Mature	Included bark unions in the main unions, however this is normal for this species. Historic heavy crown reduction at approximately 5 meters.	Good	None at time of survey
T002	Cherry plum 'Pissardii' (<i>Prunus cerasifera</i> 'Pissardi')	Height (m): 7 Crown Radius (m): 4 Life Stage: Mature	Historic reduction at 4-5m. Minor included bark unions in the main unions otherwise a healthy tree	Good	None at time of survey
T003	Lawson cypress (<i>Chamaecyparis lawsoniana</i>)	Height (m): 16 Crown Radius (m): 3 Life Stage: Mature	Minor girdling of the roots at the base, otherwise healthy tree.	Good	None at time of survey
T004	Common beech (<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>)	Height (m): 18 Crown Radius (m): 5 Life Stage: Early Mature	Situated on porous man-made surface crown bias to the south east due to adjacent trees. Historic steam crack on the the southeast side now occluded.	Good	None at time of survey
T005	Common holly (<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>)	Height (m): 12 Crown Radius (m): 3 Life Stage: Early Mature	Situated on a man-made porous surface. Historic reduction to 5 meters to remove area of dysfunction. Remaining tree is in good condition.	Fair	None at time of survey
T006	Common holly (<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>)	Height (m): 11 Crown Radius (m): 3 Life Stage: Early Mature	Situated on man-made poor surface crown bias to the North East due to adjacent trees	Good	None at time of survey
T007	Manna ash (<i>Fraxinus ornus</i>)	Height (m): 7 Crown Radius (m): 4 Life Stage: Early Mature	Included bark union in the main upper union this species is particularly prone to fail at this point. Recent historic reduction to alleviate pressure on included bark union	Good	None at time of survey





T008	Common hawthorn (<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>)	Height (m): 4 Crown Radius (m): 4 Life Stage: Over Mature	Twin stemmed at ground level. The limb to the north east has a woodpecker hole approximately 2.5m. Outer canopy has some crown die back towards the east. Recent large stem crack in the stem to the north east has progressively got worse. Historic reduction has now been successful.	Fair	None at time of survey
T009	Silver birch (<i>Betula pendula</i>)	Height (m): 12 Crown Radius (m): 4 Life Stage: Mature	Minor bark wounds and cavities on the main stem from historic pruning. Cavity on the north side at 5m needs to be inspected.	Good	Climbing inspection of cavity approximately five meters on the north side. Report any defects noted. Timescale: 28-Apr-2026 (3 Months)
T010	Silver birch (<i>Betula pendula</i>)	Height (m): 10 Crown Radius (m): 4 Life Stage: Mature	Minor bark wounds, cavities on the main stem from historic pruning. Recent main leader reduction.	Good	None at time of survey
T011	Hawthorn (<i>Crataegus sp.</i>)	Height (m): 5 Crown Radius (m): 4 Life Stage: Mature	Historic heavy crown reduction. Some minor deadwood throughout the crown. Main unions in good solid condition.	Good	None at time of survey
T012	Manna ash (<i>Fraxinus ornus</i>)	Height (m): 13 Crown Radius (m): 5 Life Stage: Early Mature	Recent historic main leader fail due to an included bark union. Very common in this species of Ash. Minor deadwood throughout the canopy otherwise a healthy vigorous tree.	Good	None at time of survey
T013	Manna ash (<i>Fraxinus ornus</i>)	Height (m): 13 Crown Radius (m): 5 Life Stage: Early Mature	Bark wounds probably squirrel damage on the main leader to the northeast. Minor cavity of no real significance minor deadwood throughout the canopy otherwise a healthy vigorous tree.	Good	None at time of survey
T014	Sorbus (<i>Sorbus sp.</i>)	Life Stage: Mature	Tree removed		
T015	Not identified (<i>Not identified</i>)	Height (m): 7 Crown Radius (m): 3	Mixed boundary fence mainly hornbeam and field maple trees have been allowed to grow out of the hedge to standard trees slightly overhanging neighbouring properties.	Good	None at time of survey





T016	Hornbeam (<i>Carpinus betulus</i>)	Height (m): 14 Crown Radius (m): 5	Overgrown hedge row tree allowed to grown its arboreal form. Lamppost incorporated in to the main stem. power should be switched off to this lamppost if not used.	Good	None at time of survey
T017 tag	Apple (<i>Malus sp.</i>)	Height (m): 4 Crown Radius (m): 4 Life Stage: Mature	Crown bias to the north east due to adjacent trees. Very heavy recent crown reduction.	Fair	Sever ivy at the base of the tree. Timescale: 28-Jan-2027 (1 Year)
T017 tag 893	Apple (<i>Malus sp.</i>)	Height (m): 4 Crown Radius (m): 4 Life Stage: Veteran	Large open cavities on the northeast side extends all the way through the main stem however there is enough support wood to retain the tree. Recent very heavy crown reduction which has instigated heavy epicormic growth.	Fair	None at time of survey
T017 tag 894	Apple (<i>Malus sp.</i>)	Height (m): 4 Crown Radius (m): 4 Life Stage: Veteran	Minor cavities and bark wounds as expected from a tree of the age. Very little inner canopy growth. Outer canopy is showing a reasonable amount of vigour. Brackets decay fungi Inonotus hispidus noted at 1m on the south east side. Typical of old apple trees and is currently not a cause of concern.	Fair	None at time of survey
T017 tag 895	Apple (<i>Malus sp.</i>)	Height (m): 4 Crown Radius (m): 3 Life Stage: Mature	Tree removed.	Fair	None at time of survey
T017 tag 896	Apple (<i>Malus sp.</i>)	Height (m): 4 Crown Radius (m): 3 Life Stage: Veteran	Extensive bark damage and decay on the main stem at ground level how to canopy is healthy monitor closely at next survey.	Fair	None at time of survey
T017 tag 897	Apple (<i>Malus sp.</i>)	Height (m): 4 Crown Radius (m): 3 Life Stage: Mature	Minor cavities and dead wood as expected from an apple tree of this age.	Fair	None at time of survey
T017 tag 898	Apple (<i>Malus sp.</i>)	Height (m): 4 Crown Radius (m): 3 Life Stage: Mature	Some significant cavities on the stems to the south and east. Recent crown reduction has mitigated this.	Good	None at time of survey
T018	Hornbeam (<i>Carpinus betulus</i>)	Height (m): 17 Crown Radius (m): 5 Life Stage: Mature	Suspected over grown hedging. Group of 3 trees some significant ivy encroaching on all stems	Fair	Sever the ivy at the base of all trees this is an annual task Timescale: 28-Jan-2027 (1 Year)





T019	Hornbeam (<i>Carpinus betulus</i>)	Height (m): 16 Crown Radius (m): 6	Ownership of trees debatable. Directly on the what looks like the boundary line significant over coverage throughout the canopy.	Fair	Sever the ivy at the base Timescale: 28-Jan-2027 (1 Year)
T020	Hornbeam (<i>Carpinus betulus</i>)	Height (m): 12 Crown Radius (m): 3 Life Stage: Semi Mature	Hornbeam trees forma hedge now allowed to go into the arboreal form trees towards the northwest of the group heavily clad and ivy.	Fair	Sever the ivy at the base of the trees towards the northwest this is an annual task. Timescale: 28-Jan-2027 (1 Year)
T021	Lime (<i>Tilia sp.</i>)	Height (m): 4 Crown Radius (m): 2 Life Stage: Mature	Tag 867 Some minor cavities and rot pockets as expected from old regularly pollard trees	Fair	Inspect the pollard points, further recommendations may follow. Timescale: 28-Apr-2026 (3 Months)
T021 tag 865	Lime (<i>Tilia sp.</i>)	Height (m): 4 Crown Radius (m): 2 Life Stage: Mature	Very poor recent management. Tree can remain but it life expectancy is less than 5 years	Fair	Inspect the pollard points, further recommendations may follow. Timescale: 28-Apr-2026 (3 Months)
T021 tag 866	Lime (<i>Tilia sp.</i>)	Height (m): 4 Crown Radius (m): 2 Life Stage: Mature	Very poor condition	Poor	Remove tree Timescale: 28-Apr-2026 (3 Months)
T022	Lime (<i>Tilia sp.</i>)	Height (m): 4 Crown Radius (m): 2 Life Stage: Mature	tag 869 Some minor cavities and rot pockets as expected from old regularly pollard trees	Fair	Inspect the pollard points, further recommendations may follow. Timescale: 28-Apr-2026 (3 Months)
T023	Lime (<i>Tilia sp.</i>)	Height (m): 4 Crown Radius (m): 2 Life Stage: Mature	tag 870 no regeneration.	Poor	Remove tree Timescale: 28-Jan-2027 (1 Year)
T024	Lime (<i>Tilia sp.</i>)	Height (m): 4 Crown Radius (m): 2 Life Stage: Mature	Some minor cavities and rot pockets as expected from old regularly pollard trees. Extensive bark damage on the main stem some limbs have not recovered from historic pruning. Tree is now beyond safe.	Poor	Remove tree. Timescale: 28-Apr-2026 (3 Months)
T025	Lime (<i>Tilia sp.</i>)	Height (m): 4 Crown Radius (m): 2 Life Stage: Mature	tag 867 Some minor cavities and rot pockets as expected from old regularly pollard trees. South side has not regenerated after last Pollard. Very poor past management.	Poor	Remove tree Timescale: 28-Apr-2026 (3 Months)
T026	Lime (<i>Tilia sp.</i>)	Height (m): 4 Crown Radius (m): 2 Life Stage: Mature	Some minor cavities and rot pockets as expected from old regularly pollard trees	Poor	Remove tree Timescale: 28-Jan-2027 (1 Year)





T027	Lime (<i>Tilia sp.</i>)	Height (m): 4 Crown Radius (m): 2 Life Stage: Mature	Tag 881 Some minor cavities and rot pockets as expected from old regularly pollard trees	Fair	Inspect the pollard points, further recommendations may follow. Timescale: 28-Apr-2026 (3 Months)
T028	Lime (<i>Tilia sp.</i>)	Height (m): 4 Crown Radius (m): 2 Life Stage: Mature	Tag 883 Some minor cavities and rot pockets as expected from old regularly pollard trees	Fair	Inspect the pollard points, further recommendations may follow. Timescale: 28-Apr-2026 (3 Months)
T029	Lime (<i>Tilia sp.</i>)	Height (m): 4 Crown Radius (m): 2 Life Stage: Mature	Tag 885 Some minor cavities and rot pockets as expected from old regularly pollard trees	Fair	Inspect the pollard points, further recommendations may follow. Timescale: 28-Apr-2026 (3 Months)
T030	Lime (<i>Tilia sp.</i>)	Height (m): 4 Crown Radius (m): 2 Life Stage: Mature	Some minor cavities and rot pockets as expected from old regularly pollard trees	Fair	Inspect the pollard points, further recommendations may follow. Timescale: 28-Apr-2026 (3 Months)
T031	Lime (<i>Tilia sp.</i>)	Height (m): 4 Crown Radius (m): 2 Life Stage: Mature	Some minor cavities and rot pockets as expected from old regularly pollard trees	Fair	Inspect the pollard points, further recommendations may follow. Timescale: 28-Apr-2026 (3 Months)
T032	Lime (<i>Tilia sp.</i>)	Height (m): 4 Crown Radius (m): 2 Life Stage: Mature	Some significant stem cracking and significant bark die back from ground level to the Crown break at 3m. on the southeast side they should be inspected.	Fair	Inspect the pollard points, further recommendations may follow. Timescale: 28-Apr-2026 (3 Months)
T033	Lime (<i>Tilia sp.</i>)	Height (m): 4 Crown Radius (m): 2 Life Stage: Mature	tag 882 Some minor cavities and rot pockets as expected from old regularly pollard trees. crown bias to the north, Coprinellus mushrooms indicate dead roots on the south side of the tree	Fair	Inspect the pollard points, further recommendations may follow. Timescale: 28-Apr-2026 (3 Months)
T034	Lime (<i>Tilia sp.</i>)	Height (m): 4 Crown Radius (m): 2 Life Stage: Mature	Some minor cavities and rot pockets as expected from old regularly pollard trees	Fair	Inspect the pollard points, further recommendations may follow. Timescale: 28-Apr-2026 (3 Months)
T035	Not identified (<i>Not identified</i>)	Height (m): 8 Crown Radius (m): 5 Life Stage: Mature	Mixed group of Lime, Sycamore, Purple plum and Conifer. significant coverage on many of the trees.	Fair	Sever the ivy at ground level this is an annual task. Timescale: 28-Jan-2027 (1 Year)
T036	Robinia (<i>Robinia sp.</i>)	Height (m): 16 Crown Radius (m): 4 Life Stage: Early Mature	Minor deadwood throughout the canopy. Ivy encroaching on the mainstream at ground level.	Good	Sever the ivy at the base this an annual task. Timescale: 28-Jan-2027 (1 Year)





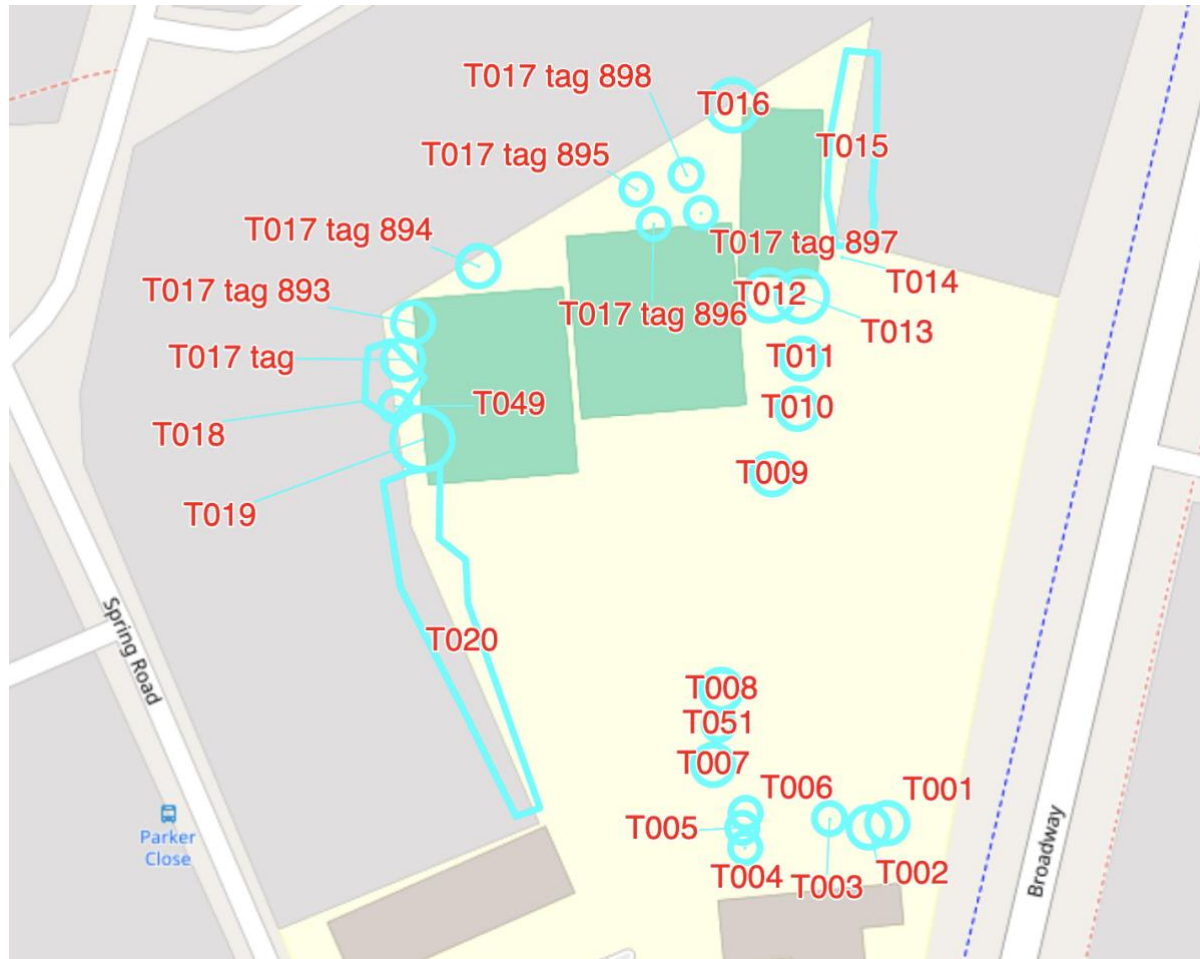
T037	Robinia (<i>Robinia sp.</i>)	Height (m): 16 Crown Radius (m): 3 Life Stage: Early Mature	Co dominant stem from ground level. Union is included. Minor deadwood throughout the crown.	Fair	None at time of survey
T038	Robinia (<i>Robinia sp.</i>)	Height (m): 16 Crown Radius (m): 4 Life Stage: Early Mature	Ivy encroaching on the main stem of ground level. Hammer tap reveals stem crack on the south side from ground level to 2 m this is in the form of a short nosed. This crack has stabilised.	Good	Monitor short nose rib at next survey.
T039	Robinia (<i>Robinia sp.</i>)	Height (m): 16 Crown Radius (m): 4	Twin stem from ground level the unions not joined otherwise a healthy vigorous tree .	Fair	None at time of survey
T040	Sycamore (<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>)	Height (m): 13 Crown Radius (m): 5 Life Stage: Mature	Crown bias to the west, tree significantly overhangs public highway.	Fair	None at time of survey
T041	Lime (<i>Tilia sp.</i>)	Height (m): 16 Crown Radius (m): 6 Life Stage: Mature	Hammer taps detected large cavity extending from ground level to 2 m on the west side. Tree is now a 3.5m Pollard.	Fair	None at time of survey
T042	Lime (<i>Tilia sp.</i>)	Height (m): 25 Crown Radius (m): 7 Life Stage: Mature	Overall tree in good health bark inclusion on the first main limb to the east with minor crack formation. small amounts of minor deadwood noted throughout the crown. 2 large pieces of dead wood on the field side at 7m	Good	Remove significant deadwood. Timescale: 28-Apr-2026 (3 Months)
T043	Cherry plum (<i>Prunus cerasifera</i>)	Height (m): 6 Crown Radius (m): 5 Life Stage: Mature	Tree in good health	Good	None at time of survey
T044	Plum (<i>Prunus domestica</i>)	Height (m): 7 Crown Radius (m): 7 Life Stage: Mature	Bacterial bleeds at ground level to 0.5 m the main stem. Stem to the northwest has large amount of boring insect holes with significant crown die back. Recent reduction.	Poor	Remove tree. Timescale: 28-Apr-2026 (3 Months)
T045	Robinia (<i>Robinia sp.</i>)	Height (m): 15 Crown Radius (m): 4 Life Stage: Early Mature	Twin stem from ground level some minor Deadwood throughout the canopy is vigorous and healthy	Good	None at time of survey
T046	Prunus (<i>Prunus sp.</i>)	Height (m): 9 Crown Radius (m): 5	Tree removed to a stem	Dead	

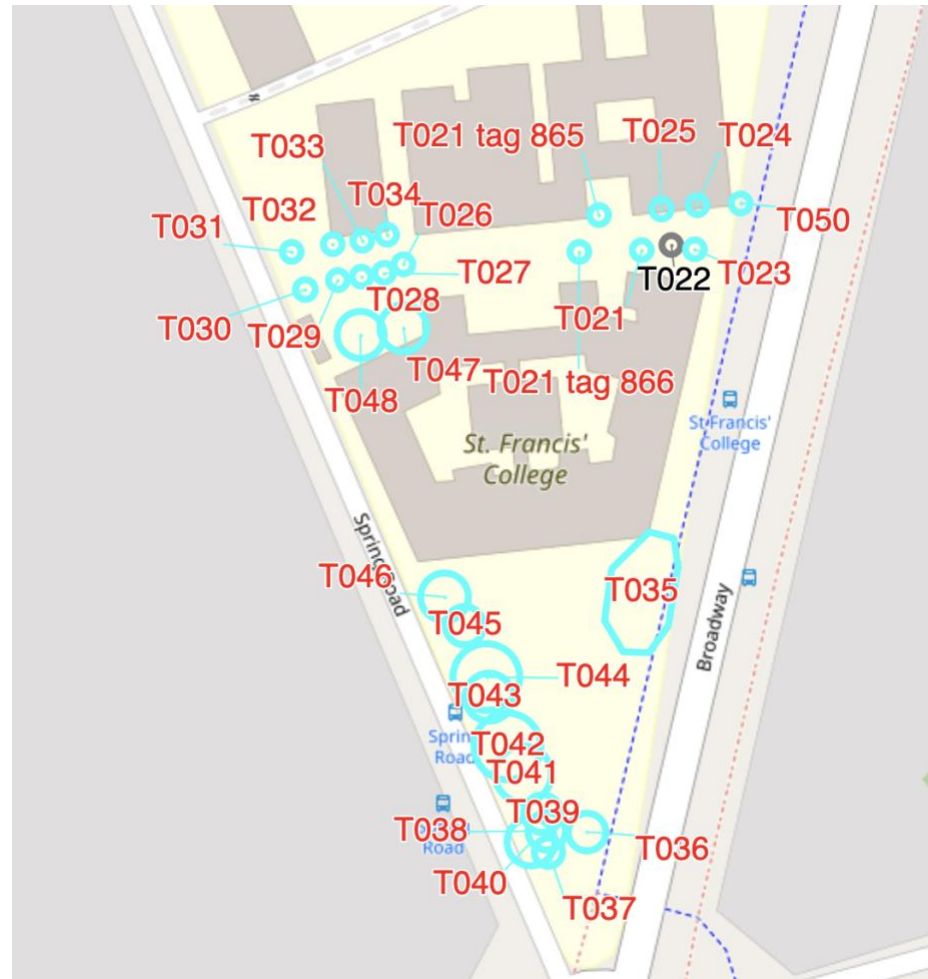




T047	Plum (<i>Prunus domestica</i>)	Height (m): 5 Crown Radius (m): 5 Life Stage: Mature	tag 890. Historic heavy reduction at 2.5 m with 4m of regrowth	Good	None at time of survey
T048	Robinia (<i>Robinia sp.</i>)	Height (m): 14 Crown Radius (m): 5 Life Stage: Mature	Minor damage on the West side from an historic pruning wound minor decay. Main canopy has lots of minor dead wood	Good	None at time of survey
T049	Hornbeam (<i>Carpinus betulus</i>)	Height (m): 13 Crown Radius (m): 3 Life Stage: Mature	Ivy severing has revealed a large open cavity within the main union. Upper canopy is vigorous and healthy.	Good	None at time of survey
T050	Lime (<i>Tilia sp.</i>)	Height (m): 4 Crown Radius (m): 2 Life Stage: Mature	No regeneration. Tree now in very poor condition	Poor	Remove tree Timescale: 28-Apr-2026 (3 Months)
T051	Manna ash (<i>Fraxinus ornus</i>)	Height (m): 4 Crown Radius (m): 3 Life Stage: Mature	stump of historically failed tree now regenerating.	Good	None at time of survey









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