

## Request 8256 – Trees

The total number of trees felled by South Cambridgeshire Council for the years 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016 (up to the most recent month of available data)

- For each year of data, please state and break down:
- The reason for the felling of said trees
- The cost to the council of felling trees
- The locations of trees felled
- The species of trees felled and how many
- If trees felled were street trees or rural

2. The total number of trees planted by South Cambridgeshire Council for the years 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016 (up to the most recent month of available data)

- For each year of data, please state and break down:
- The cost to the council of planting trees
- The locations of trees planted
- The species of trees planted and how many
- If trees planted were street trees or rural

3. The total number of trees under South Cambridgeshire authority in the years 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016 (up to the most recent month of available data)

- For each year of data, please state and break down:
- The locations of trees
- The species of trees
- If trees were street trees or rural

## Response

It may be useful for you to know, we use the following contractors to undertake groundworks; grass cutting as well as tree works:

S P Landscapes & Tree Contractors Ltd, Arboracre, Elms Road, Red Lodge, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, IP28 8TD

We have contacted them to see whether they have access to these detail and unfortunately have to advise you they do not collate this information (i.e. number of trees felled per year, number of trees planted per year) for each client.

In addition we have reviewed the quotes for work and find they do not provide for actual numbers of trees planted or felled to be gained. Therefore, we are unable to answer your request fully

We do however for only this year i.e. period from March 2020 to date our own separate notes and can confirm we removed seven trees this year - three of which were dead. This does not include trees that fell down and were just taken away which were around five more. We have only been involved in the planting of two during this period

With regard to costing see link to our website: [Payments to suppliers - South Cambs District Council \(scamb.gov.uk\)](#) but [Payments to suppliers - South Cambs District Council \(scamb.gov.uk\)](#) but please note that this contractor undertakes groundworks and grass cutting, so the amounts are not specifically to do with tree management

For the total number of trees under South Cambridgeshire authority this is currently unknown and this is why we are carrying out a tree audit which will take approximately a year to fully complete and at this point we will then be able to supply this data