

FOI number: **HBC_FOI_20200666**
Date FOI Received: **19/11/2020**
Department: **Parks**
Title: **Trees felled by the Council 2016-2020**
Description: **Trees felled by the Council 2016-2020**

Request: (As Redacted sent by requestor)

1. The total number of trees felled by Hertsmere Borough 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 in what capacity
 - If trees felled were street trees or rural

2. The total number of trees planted by Hertsmere Borough 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 in what capacity
 - If trees planted were street trees or rural

3. The total number of trees under Hertsmere Borough Council 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: (Response as Redacted sent by service)

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

	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Number of trees felled	253	251	70	125	244

For each year of data, please state and break down:

The reason for the felling of said trees

Hertsmere fells trees only when necessary and typically this is by virtue of disease, damage or other safety precaution or as a result of a specific legal requirement.

The cost to the council of felling trees:

It is not possible to separate the cost of specific tree felling from other tree surgery and inspection costs. Annual expenditure for all elements of this work are shown below:

	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Annual expenditure	£37,238	£34,521	£44,561	£19,560	£8,320

The locations of trees felled

The species of trees felled and in what capacity

The information requested is not held in this format.

If trees felled were street trees or rural

The information requested is not held in this format.

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

	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Number of trees planted	671	2334	507	846	1071

For each year of data, please state and break down:

The cost to the council of planting trees:

	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Annual expenditure	£12,064	£29,634	£8,269	£10,552	£10,439

The locations of trees planted

The species of trees planted and in what capacity:

The information requested is not held in this format.

If trees planted were street trees or rural:

The information requested is not held in this format.

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

	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Number of trees under Hertsmere Borough Council authority					16081

For each year of data, please state and break down:

The locations of trees, species of trees, if trees were street trees or rural

The information requested is not held in this format.

If you cannot provide all of the data, please provide all that is available.

Please see the attached excel file for descriptions of works (felling/surgery/planting) set out by financial year and indicating where known the species of trees.

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Thank you for your request.

Kind regards

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