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**Subject:** RE: overhanging trees.

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**From:**  
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Good afternoon Leanne,

I received a concern regarding the overhanging trees in Church Walk. As you appreciate there is some really awful weather at present and people are concerned with the amount of overhang in this area.

They are extremely high and spreading, someone remarked that if they have another growth spurt this year it could be an accident waiting to happen. With amount of debris that falls from these branches, I was hoping that someone could contact the owners and suggest they are cut back. Children going to school, walk along this path and people do have a duty of care.

This morning it was noticed that one of the trees/large shrubs has indeed blown down, fortunately onto the owners property. This could have been a very serious accident and damage to any local property.

The other issue raised is who would be responsible for any accidents, slipping being hit with a branch. The council? Highways as it is on their property or the owners of the trees.

I have messaged Val Keitch SSDC on this matter and hopefully something can be sorted as we don't feel that it should be the public's responsibility.