

In short to keep on top of the condition of his/her zone.

Past experience of this approach has demonstrated people taking a high level of pride in the zone they "own", routinely clearing up litter and generally fixing things that can be easily fixed.

It should also be stressed however that this system of organisation is about supporting the team effort.

The zone owner does not have sole responsibility for carrying out works in his/her zone – the role is to gather information and to report to the committee – who will then as now determine the priorities.

Next steps

- The committee is asked to approve formally the proposal
- The committee needs to agree the zone boundaries and to allocate zone "ownership"
- It is probable that a brief primer would be helpful in aiding tree identification for info gathering purposes
- A review date should be established to have a look at how this is working in practice – has the approach proved effective and popular; have the zones been defined and allocated to best effect?
- The ground plan prepared by Stuart Dobson should be updated in line with whatever is agreed and circulated with the minutes, with zone numbers and RCM identified.

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