

Tree Stock Management Assessment and Policy Production

Working with one of the largest land agents in Essex, DF Clark Bionomique Ltd was instructed to assess the tree stock on a medium sized arable farm in south Essex, managed by a tenant farmer for the owners.

The tree and hedgerow assessment was undertaken as economically as possible by:

- 1) Carrying out a preliminary walkover survey of the site, to provide the land agent an informal view of the current condition of the tree stock, how the primary trees were arranged and if any hazard trees in high risk target areas were present.
- 2) Reporting back to the farms trustees, via the land agent, with a simple two page preliminary report describing the above information and suggested work-stages with an informed, competitive price.
- 3) Upon further instruction, undertaking a more detailed tree assessment, plotting on a provided plan the primary individual tree locations, main groups and hedges, with their condition presented in tabulated format.
- 4) Producing a tree management policy and plan informed by the detailed survey, dividing the site into high, medium and low risk target zones.
- 5) Instigating a management regime in accordance with the policy including instruction of recommended year one tree works and planned monitoring and further inspection according to their risk zone priority.
- 6) Monitoring of tree works by local contractors, with works divided up by priority over three years.

