



COMPTON MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL

PROCEDURE FOR DEALING WITH OVERHANGING VEGETATION

Parish Martin Parish Council will in the first instance write to the home owner informing them of the concern which has been expressed regarding vegetation overhanging from their property onto the highway/footpath.

The letter to explain that information regarding overhanging vegetation can be found on the Bath & North East Somerset Council's website and information regarding the need for the cutting of hedges and trees to be avoided between March and August due to nesting birds.

Extracts from the Bath & North East Somerset Council's website:

- Hedges and trees that grow on the boundary of the highway are generally the responsibility of the adjoining property or land owner. This includes vegetation that causes an obstruction on adopted footways and highways or vegetation that reduces visibility on junctions, entrances and corners.
- In the event that the landowner does not remove the obstruction the Parish Council will inform Bath & North East Somerset Council who may well remedy the problem and recharge the landowner.

Extracts from RSPB's website:

- It is recommended that the cutting of hedges and trees is avoided between March and August as this is the main breeding season for nesting birds. It is an offence under Section 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act of 1981 to intentionally take, damage or destroy the nest of any wild bird while it is in use or being built.