

63619 Compensation for Damage Caused by Council-Owned Trees

Please provide the following information concerning claims alleging that trees owned by the council, or situated on council-owned land, caused subsidence or other damage to property.

Please include claims handled by the council's insurers where this information is held by or on behalf of the council.

For each of the financial years 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26, please provide:

The number of claims received during that financial year.

2023/24 – 4 Incidents

2024/25 – 16 Incidents

2025/26 – 6 Incidents

The total amount paid in compensation or settlement during that financial year.

2023/24 – Zero payment (to date)

2024/25 – £3,062.28 Payments (to date)

2025/26 – Zero payment (to date)

For the FIVE largest compensation or settlement payments made during the three-year period, please provide:

The financial year in which the payment was made.

Two payments were made in 2024/25.

The amount paid.

Payment 1 - £1,114.32

Payment 2 - £1,947.96

The type of damage alleged.

Both were recorded as 'Property Damage – Tree/Branch'.

The species of tree involved, where recorded.

This is not recorded.

Whether the tree was felled, pruned or retained.

This is not recorded.

A brief existing anonymised description of the claim, where held.

As above, both were recorded as 'Property Damage – Tree/Branch'.

(Please include payments relating to claims received before the requested period if the payment itself was made during the requested period.)