

PC063/2526c) To consider quotations to remove sycamore and reduce tree on Grays allotments

It has come to our attention that the large sycamore and the maple on plot 5 are in need of work.

Having obtained opinions from both Shires and Herts & Cambs, both have advised that the Sycamore is diseased and should be felled entirely. In addition, the maple on plot 5 requires crown lift to 1.8 metres.

Quotes for the advised works are as below:

**SHIRE  
TREES LIMITED**



**hello@shiretrees.co.uk**  
**01763 220880**

Melbourn Parish Council

Date Sent: 22/07/2025

**Quote information**

Account No: 143

Quote No: 7308

Surveyor: Sam Dellar

Site Ref No: 614

Order No:

**Quotation**

Site Address Grey's Allotments, The Moor, Melbourn

Item No	Item	Work Description	Value
1	Sycamore	Fell to ground level and remove all arisings. Branches, logs and green waste to be chipped and disposed at our recycling yard.	£1,450.00
2	Field Maple	Reduce height by 2 metres, crown lift to 1.8 metres and remove Hazel	£275.00

Total Value: £1,725.00

Vat(20%): £345.00

Total Inc Vat: £2,070.00



**Herts & Cambs Ground Maintenance Ltd**  
Landscape Maintenance Solutions

21<sup>st</sup> July 2025

Melbourn Parish Council  
Melbourn Hub  
High St  
Melbourn  
Royston  
Herts

Dear Abbi & Alex

Here is our quote for the works discussed

**Two trees at Gray's Allotments**

Maple tree just needs a good heavy canopy lift all round  
**£290.00 X Vat**

**Sycamore tree removed to ground**

Fell to ground level, working carefully to avoid damage to neighbouring fences etc. We would cut up on site, chip all brushwood. All debris would be removed from site.  
**£1640.00 x Vat**

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We also have a slightly differing quote from CG Tree services, who also advise removal of the sycamore, but also complete removal of the maple.

Date	Activity	Description	VAT	Qty	Rate	Amount
29/07/2025	Services	Removed xl Field Maple tree on Dawns plot. All waste is to be removed from site and left in a clean and tidy manner.	20.0% S	1	350.00	350.00
29/07/2025	Services	Remove xl Sycamore tree by the entrance of the allotments . All waste is to be removed from site and left in a clean and tidy manner.	20.0% S	1	1,540.00	1,540.00
29/07/2025	Services	Grind Sycamore stump below ground level and leave woodchip in the hole to level the ground.	20.0% S	1	280.00	280.00
29/07/2025	Services	Grind Field Maple stump below ground level and leave	20.0% S		100.00	100.00

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in the  
hole to  
level the  
ground.

SubTotal:	2,270.00
VAT Total	454.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£2,724.00</b>

We would remove the Field Maple from Dawns plot as she mentioned the seeds falling from the tree go all over the ground and the plot is always messy.

We would remove the Sycamore tree as the centre is starting to drastically die off which could indicate a disease or infection. You could reduce it but there isn't a lot of tie in points for the climber to get a good shape, alternatively we could use a cherry picker but are very restricted for access. If you was to do a harsh reduction this will most likely shock the tree causing it to die off quickly. My option would be to remove the tree, stump grind and replant a replacement tree that can be kept and maintained regularly.

The grinding of both stumps enables you to replant in the same place to keep the same look in years to come.

\*\*\*\*\* VAT Summary \*\*\*\*\*

Rate	VAT	Net
VAT @ 20%	454.00	2,270.00