

Minehead Town Council



Reference: OHV/01

Date: 02 October 2024

Dear Sir or Madam,

**VEGETATION OVERHANGING THE FOOTWAY, LOCATION/ROAD NAME
- PARISH**

Somerset Council undertakes highway management throughout the County. One of our duties is to maintain highways as a safe environment for all road users.

Minehead Town Council has adopted a proactive approach to this matter, hence sending this letter to you now, as we seek your assistance.

When hedges or other vegetation overhangs the public highway, particularly when the growth is very full, pedestrians using the footway may be forced out into the carriageway, which can result in an increased risk of accident.

Unfortunately, following an inspection on the (provide date and time), vegetation from your property is overhanging the public highway and is reducing the width of the available footway.

You may not be aware that the responsibility for cutting back the vegetation lies with the owner/occupier of this property. If you are either of these, we would be grateful if you could arrange for the overhanging growth to be removed within 14 days.

(Delete as appropriate, Mar-Aug) We realise that we are in the bird nesting season, but hedge cutting works can be carried out providing an inspection of the hedge is carried out prior to any cutting works being undertaken. Generally, the bird nesting season should be considered to be between late February and August but is dependent on weather conditions.

To date, the Parish Council has not informed Somerset Highways. It would be very much appreciated if you could cut back the offending growth, within the stated timeframe, therefore preventing the need for their intervention.

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If you have since made arrangements to undertake the necessary safety maintenance work, are not the owner/occupier, or are unsure what needs to be cut, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully

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