

<b>Committee</b>	<b>COUNCIL MEETING</b>
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### **Tree in Holy Trinity Churchyard**

We have been contacted several times over the last few months by Holy Trinity school concerning a tree in the Holy Trinity churchyard which is very close to the school wall. Originally they claimed that the tree had damaged the wall, and asked us to remove the tree and repair the wall. The Tree Officer from BDC visited and confirmed that the tree had not damaged the wall, and did not need to be removed. The damage to the wall was caused by a gutter draining down the wall, something which they had arranged.

However, the school has now stated that the roots of the maple tree are coming up through the floor of a classroom ( confirmed by the tree officer), and has asked us to have it removed, during half term week, 22- 26 October.

We have 2 quotes for this for £485 and £600. They have both been alerted to the fact that the work needs to be done during half term.

There is enough in the budget for the environment to cover this.

**Recommendation:** that HTC agrees to the removal of the maple tree during half term week, by whichever tree surgeon is available, at the lowest price achievable.



Sarah Greatorex Town Clerk