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Dear Householder,

TREE WORK IN NORTHWOOD PARK

I am writing to let you know that, as part of the rejuvenation of Northwood House and Park, a management plan for the trees in the Park is being put together with professional advice.

The plan will involve work on many of the trees. In most cases this will involve light pruning and removal of dead wood; however, in some cases some significant branches will be removed, and some trees have been identified for felling. The work will be carried out by trainee arboriculturalists (supervised by trained personnel) as part of their professional qualification, and we are very pleased to be able to assist them. We are very pleased to be able to move forward with this work, which is essential to bring the Park's trees back to health for everyone's enjoyment.

It has become necessary to carry out these works because of the neglect from which many of the Park's trees have suffered over the years. The work will be carried out for a variety of reasons: either health and safety concerns, potential (or actual) damage to property or disease affecting the relevant trees. Northwood Park is a conservation area, and therefore the plans for the work have been submitted to and approved by the Isle of Wight Council following site visits by the Council's tree officer.

While the works are going on, please pay attention to signs which you will see around the Park and keep dogs and children away from the working areas. To ensure the safety of all concerned, some areas will be cordoned off while grounds staff are working in the trees. We will do our best to minimise disruption during this time, but certain areas and paths may be out of bounds for short periods and we apologise in advance for any inconvenience.

For your information, contracts are in place for grass cutting and dog- and litter-bin maintenance in the Park and the toilets and tennis courts are open for the season. Our team of volunteers play an invaluable role dealing with the many other issues involved in managing the House and Park, but more help is needed to enable us to make improvements when funds permit.

The Trustees plan to put in place a replanting programme once the tree work has been done to add new and decorative specimen trees to the Park, and at that time we plan to open a Tree Fund to finance them. If you have any queries, would like to report issues of concern, join the volunteers or know more about or contribute to the Tree Fund, please contact the Trustees by email at trustees@northwoodhouse.org or on 293642. In emergency please contact the police.

Yours sincerely,

The Trustees of Northwood House & Park