

One and All

This photograph shows a 15 – 20 year old Horse Chestnut Tree.

If you look closely, you can see that an individual, or individuals unknown, have systematically stripped ALL of the bark from this tree to a height of approximately 1.5 m. This tree will now start to slowly die.

Maybe I am missing something, but I simply do not understand why on earth this act of criminal damage was carried out. The absolute majority of our community value and appreciate our recreational spaces, and many people have contacted me to express their anger and upset.

A wooden axe handle was found adjacent to the tree, with the axe head missing. This incident has been reported to the Police, if you have any information regarding this damage please contact Devon & Cornwall Police or the Town Council office.

You will note that I have not highlighted the exact location of this tree, but please be assured that this behaviour, this wanton act of vandalism, is simply not acceptable in Lostwithiel, a view held by the silent majority of our population.

Those responsible for this should be utterly ashamed. Please do the decent, responsible thing and admit to what you have done.

Councillor Tim Hughes  
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