

Pruning at the Puffing Park



On Friday 28 June at 10, Neil, Jack, Roger, & Den with our tree surgeons Dominic & Guy, went to the Puffing Park to trim the hedges and assist in the cutting down of the large tree leaning over the track after the tunnel.

It had been like this for a number of years, it was being supported on the other side of the track by a large fir tree. This was fine up until a couple of years ago but the leaning tree was still growing and getting longer and heavier: putting more weight on the supporting tree and it was slipping.

So in the interest of safety, it was decided to cut it down. Before cutting: we had to remove some of the track temporarily and support the concrete pillars to avoid damage.

Dominic started by cutting 6 - 8 foot long lengths from the end until he reached the supporting tree. Luckily, because the leaning tree was still growing with all the weight off it, it was supporting itself. This made it a bit easier to plan dropping it, missing the concrete supports, dropping it straight, missing everything.



Well done Dominic.

The Oak tree by the bridge, had some big pieces of dead wood over train track, so we had them removed as well, in the interest of safety which involved removing some more track temporarily. We finished at about 3 o'clock with a job well done.

Neil Byrne.
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