Submitting a TreeAlert General Tree Health Report
Checklist - data to collect on site

The Observatree project is encouraging the use of the Forestry Commission’s TreeAlert website. We’ve produced this handy checklist so you know what information to record when you’re out and about and spot something unusual:

1) Location:
*MUST provide either:
Grid reference
(two letters followed by 6 or 8 digits)

OR
Note enough details that you are able to put an accurate point on the online mapping tool when you are back at your computer:

2) Note any other characteristics of the location that might help someone locate the tree:

3) The number of trees affected:
One [ ] A few (up to 10) [ ] Many (more than 10) [ ]

4) Their approximate stem diameter (guidance is available here on how to measure diameter)
Less than 5cm [ ]
5-15cm [ ]
15-30cm [ ]
Greater than 30cm [ ]
Mixture of diameters [ ]

5) Has the tree been recently planted?
Yes [ ] No [ ] Don’t know [ ]

6) What is the approximate age of the trees affected?
Young [ ] Mature [ ] Old [ ]
7) Broad leaf or conifer?
   - Broad leaf
   - Conifer

8) Common name

9) Species

10) Tick which of the following symptoms you can see on the tree/trees:

   **Needles:**
   - Wilting
   - Chewed
   - Discoloured
   - Defoliation

   **Shoots:**
   - Missing
   - Chewed
   - Wilted
   - Dead

   **Branches:**
   - Dropping
   - Bark loss
   - Stripped bark
   - Teeth marks
   - Exit holes
   - Bleeding
   - Cankers
   - Burnt
   - Signs of insect

   **Stem:**
   - Bark loss
   - Bleeding
   - Stripped bark
   - Teeth marks
   - Exit holes
   - Galls
   - Cankers
   - Burnt
   - Signs of insect
   - Metal (nails/shot)
   - Signs of Fungi

   **Stem base (<1m) / Roots:**
   - Bark loss
   - Exit holes
   - Teeth marks
   - Stripped bark
   - Cankers
   - Burnt
   - Galls
   - Signs for Fungi
   - Signs of insect
   - Metal (nails/shot)
   - Bleeding

11) Photographs of your observation (a minimum of two photos MUST be uploaded):

   1) Affected tree(s) in context
   2) The problem / symptom in context
   3) The detail of the symptom.

   A guide to taking good quality photographs is available on the TreeAlert website.

Go to www.forestry.gov.uk/treealert to complete the online form.

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