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Horse Close Wood and ivy

Ivy clad trees in Horse Close Wood

- 1) Several trees with climbing ivy cover have been blown over and someone has decided that the cause was the ivy making the tree top-heavy.
- 2) He then cut many ivy stems as shown in main photo and the next page."



**The hacking of the
ivy stems has
caused damage to
the trees as shown!**



Unauthorised action of this kind is wrong

and

ignores the procedures for discussion on issues that may be a cause for concern

- 1) Expert opinion from the Woodland Trust <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/trees-woods-and-wildlife/plants/wild-flowers/ivy>
 - a) Clingy, luscious, misunderstood. Ivy has long been accused of strangling trees, but it doesn't harm the tree at all, and even supports at least 50 species of wildlife.
- 2) Dave Dawson (FOWP Environmental Adviser).
 - a) Many species of bat, bird and insect are known to use the ivy in the wood for nectar, food and shelter. Killing it has caused significant harm.

If you have concerns, please raise them either via

<https://www.friendsofwimbletonpark.org/contact> or park officers