Kingskerswell Parish Council

Firewood Policy

Date: 12th January 2024
Agreed at Full Council Meeting: 29th January 2024

Introduction

This Firewood Policy sets out the guidelines that Kingskerswell Parish Council have agreed to follow regarding the removal of fallen wood on its land.

Woodland Trust

The following has been taken from the Woodland Trust[1]

According to the Woodland Trust, everything within a wood, including fallen branches and logs, is the property of the woodland owner. This means removing logs from a wood without consent is considered theft. Therefore, it is important to make sure you have the consent of the wood owner before you remove any wood.

As well as needing consent, be mindful of what you pick up. Though bits of wood may look abandoned, they provide a valuable service to the ecosystem.

At the Woodland Trust, we leave logs in our woods to provide deadwood for life. Decaying wood is an essential part of the woodland habitat. It provides a home for lots of species that cannot otherwise survive, as well as recycling nutrients back into the soil.

Management statement

Following advice from our tree consultancy company and the advice above from the Woodland Trust, Kingskerswell Parish Council request that fallen wood be left on its land.

The parish council understand circumstances may change and if you would like to request removing fallen wood from council land, then please contact the Parish Clerk via info@kingskerswell-pc.gov.uk

Status and Review

This policy was adopted by Kingskerswell Parish Council at a meeting of the full council on 29th January 2024. It will be reviewed periodically. Date of last review January 2026.

[1] Woodland Trust content by Rachel Hoskins