

How can a hedge be a hazard?

Overgrown hedges next to footpaths and roads pose a real hazard to people who are disabled, visually impaired, young children or other pedestrians who risk injury or damage to their faces or clothing from thorns and branches. If the pavement (footway) is narrow or the obstruction is excessive, they may be forced into the road. This is particularly dangerous for wheelchair users or for people pushing a pram or buggy.

On junctions and bends overgrown hedges may obstruct sight lines and the clear view of motorists.

They may also obscure traffic signs or streetlights, increasing the risk of accident.

How you can help!

Please check your own trees and hedges.

Are they overhanging the footway or boundary of your property?

Are they affecting visibility for road users and foot paths?

If so, please cut them back (or arrange to have them cut back) as soon as possible.

Our sincere thanks for your support in this matter.

South Wonston Parish Council