### **Background**

The trees in St Peter's Churchyard, Marlborough, had not undergone major tree surgery for some 12 years. As a result, there was one Holly Tree and one large Yew overhanging the A4 through road, a Scotch Pine shedding dead branches from a considerable height, a Norway Maple which was crowding out adjacent trees and a massive Holm Oak which was overhanging a 1-way street, preventing light from entering the windows of local residents' houses and blocking a clear view of St Peter's Tower and clock dial from the High Street.

### Requirement

There was an urgent need for St Peter's Trust to find a tree surgery contractor with the necessary specialist equipment and expertise to carry out the required work — and at a competitive cost.

# **Approach**

As Wilts Council accredited tree surgeons, Conservation-Contractors Ltd was eventually chosen for the job. William Warden personally carried out a thorough on-site recce with me, and promptly produced a detailed work plan and quote which the Trust found wholly acceptable. He was also most helpful in advising us on the procedure for obtaining the official clearances for the work to begin.

# Work carried out 11-13 May 2021

William Warden's team of 3, after some delay by the Wiltshire Highways Authority in arranging traffic control, carried out the necessary work most professionally and efficiently over three days. They took care to minimise disruption to local movement whilst at the same time ensuring that public health and safety were scrupulously observed. They made a particularly good job of pollarding the gigantic Holm Oak, and we were greatly impressed by the way they left the churchyard and adjacent roads completely free of debris. They were most courteous and affable throughout and were a pleasure to work with.

William Warden produced the agreed invoice within hours of the work being completed, enabling the Trust to settle the bill without delay.

### **Testimonial**

I would gladly recommend Conservation-Contractors Ltd to any organisation seeking to have a wide variety of trees managed and worked on both efficiently and to the very highest standards.

Jeremy York Trustee and Tower Constable

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