

METHOD STATEMENT

Site address	Bersham Bank Colliery Tip
Description of works	Clearing of trees on site
Site Personnel	Jake Tynan Director / owner
Date/s and time of works	TBC
Duration:	TBC
Emergencies:	Appropriate staff are trained in emergency procedures including aerial rescue. Staff competent in aerial rescue and rescue climbing equipment are provided at all work sites. The staff on site will have at least one mobile telephone. Jake Tynan
FirstAid:	A team first aid kit will be carried in all the vehicles used for these works. If individual staff are working more than 30m from a vehicle they will have a personal first aid kit. Tree climbers carry personal first aid kits. If the team is over 5 people then least two members of the team on site will have completed a course as a nominated First Aider; there will always be at least one nominated first aider available.
Vehicles:	Pick up truck
Plant:	3-5 tonne processor
Hand tools:	Chainsaws, handsaws, pole saws, hedge cutters
Staff:	These works will be carried out by staff experienced in this type of work. All staff have received chainsaw training to N.P.T.C. CS30, 31, 38, 39, 41 as a minimum or are working under the supervision of trained staff. There will be a minimum of two people on site at all times.

Method: Trees will be climbed by certificated workers with the aid of a rope and harness or work will be carried out from a mobile elevated work platform following industry best practice. Arisings from pruning operations will be lowered to ground level in a controlled manner or allowed to free fall where safe to do so, where ground staff will process into manageable sizes.

Trees to be felled will be (section felled to ground level/ clear felled) with arisings processed as above. The stems will be left on site in a safe position.

Site risk assessment: The team leader will complete an on site risk assessment on the day to take account of the weather and any change of circumstances during the operations, brief the squad and review daily or in the event of significant site changes.

The team leader will be responsible for ensuring the health and safety of the Team and co-ordinating health and safety matters with the team leaders for people within the working area or who may be affected by the works.

Risk prevention Staff trained and certificated with a minimum experience of 6 months or under direct supervision of team leader.

Signing and organisation of the works to notify those at risk in advance and during the works, and/or organise works to avoid busy times of day.

Site risk assessment to assess daily site hazards i.e. weather affecting visibility of the works and awareness of third persons.

Equipment will be well maintained and in safe working order.

Keys will be removed from plant when it is unattended.

Keep the minimum amount of fuel on site at any time: transport enough fuel for one days work and keep fuel away from buildings, etc when refuelling or storing.

PPE: **Staff will have the following personal protective equipment:**

When using chainsaws:-

Chainsaw protective trousers (climbers to have type C).

Helmets complete with eye protection and hearing protection.

Chainsaw protective boots with steel toe caps.

Gloves (optional)

Reflective Vests (Not for tree climbers)

Other PPE may be necessary dependant upon risk assessment

CONTACT SHEET**Site:....Bersham Bank Colliery tip.....****Job Number:...tbc.....**

	Company Name	Individual	Address	Emergency Phone no.
Client				
Main Contractor				
Main Contractor (on site foreman)				
Sub- Contractor				
Sub- Contractor (on site foreman)				
Site Agent/ Manager				
Local Authority Tree Officer				
Local HSE Office				

Safe Methods of Work.	The relevant HSE Arboricultural and Forestry Advisory Group Leaflets are		
	as follows:		
	AFAG/FISA		
	No.	Title	Relevant (Tick)
	103	Planting	
	104	Fencing	
	105	Hand held Power Posthole Borer	
	201	Hand Tool Weeding, Brashing and Pruning	
	202	Application of Pesticides by Hand Held Equipment	
	203	Clearing Saw	
	204	Flails & Mulchers in Tree Work	
	301	Using Petrol Driven Chainsaws	
	302	Basic Chainsaw Felling and Manual Takedown	
	303	Chainsaw Snedding	
	304	Chainsaw Cross Cutting & Manual Stacking	
	306	Chainsaw clearance of Windblow	
	307	Chainsaw Felling of Large Trees	
	308	Top Handled Chainsaws	
	310	The Use of Winches in Directional Felling and Takedown.	
	401	Tree Climbing Operations	
	402	Aerial Tree Rescue	
	403	Mobile Elevating Work Platforms (MEWPS) for Tree Work	
	404	Electrical Utility Arboriculture	
	501	Tractor Units in Tree Work	
	604	Wood Chippers	
	606	Mobile Stump Grinders	
	702	All Terrain Vehicles	
	703	Debogging and Recovery of Forest Machines	
	704	Excavators in Tree Work	
	802	Emergency Planning	
	804	Electricity at Work: forestry and arboriculture	
805	Training and Certification		
Other applicable Best Practice Guidance as issued by Arboricultural Association.			
Guide to Good Climbing Practice			
Guide to the use of MEWPS on Arboriculture			
Method statement completed by:		Jake Tynan	

Date:

29/03/2023