



A Woodbridge mature Weeping Willow requiring some well earned maintenance

Who doesn't want a Weeping Willow in their garden? This extremely beautiful tree has around 400 species. It can be found primarily on moist soils in cold and temperate regions of the Northern Hemisphere. Most species are known as willow, but some narrow-leaved shrub species are called osier, and some broader-leaved species are referred to as sallow.

The project

This particular project involved some necessary care and maintenance for this very well established and rather beautiful Weeping Willow. The tree had some damaged branches in its crown and needed a little tidying up and lifting to clear the adjacent lawn and pond.

We firstly embarked on removing any deadwood that had appeared over time. Once the tree was clear of dead wood we had a much clearer view of the damage and able to remove the damaged branches, lift the whole crown of the tree, finishing off with some light trimming of the longer ends to create a good shape to the tree.

Trimming a Weeping Willow is rather like advanced hairdressing. Lots of strands to even up and create a beautiful symmetrical base to the foliage. This is a particularly attractive feature of a newly trimmed Willow, and without our Access platform, we couldn't have made such a good job of it. The platform was necessary to achieve the working at height requirement from a safety point of view and did require careful sitting across the lawn and adjacent to a large pond.

The outcome

We probably overuse the term 'beautiful tree' as I am sure most would agree, all trees form a perfect backdrop to any green area. However, the Weeping Willow is rather unique and special to work with and admire. Those hanging branches that perfect frame penetrating sunlight do provide excellent cover as well as a magnificent feature in any garden.

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