

Monmouthshire County Council are undertaking a significant tree safety project on the Crick Road north of the A48 between the junction with Broadwell Road and Runston Road starting 9<sup>th</sup> May.

To enable the works, the road will be closed at night (circa between 8pm and 6am) between the two junctions with diversions in place, and lane closures will be in place during the day with traffic management to assist the safe flow of traffic and staff working on site.

The work is necessary to remove Ash trees infected with Ash Dieback disease and other trees that have either been identified as presenting a risk to the highway or due to future risk following the loss of wind protection by the removal of adjacent trees.

The work has been licenced by NRW and ecologists will be on site throughout to deal with wildlife related issues.

The work is expected to last for approximately two and half weeks although contingency for bad weather or other unforeseeable delays has been allowed.

Monmouthshire County Council plan to undertake tree planting in the autumn to restore the habitat with tree species that are naturally short in stature and high flowering to offset the loss of trees, create a rich pollinator friendly habitat and to future proof the highway by reducing the number of tall/large trees close the road