

The subject tree has now been struggling and in decline predominantly on the eastern stem for a number of years with no sign of recovery. The decline had solely been affecting the eastern stem but now there are signs of browning around lower/mid and yellowing around the upper crown on the western stem. A theory was the veteran yew had been fighting root rot (phytophthora) over the years. I had a shallow dig around the outer base to find a couple of secondary roots which I easily snapped out. The client is very much in the mind set of trying to retain the tree and will do what they can in order to do so. The intended works are to reduce the struggling eastern stem down into healthy green growth, approximately 5 to 6m. Then reduce the western stem primarily for weight balancing but also for amenity value.