

St. Andrews church, Steyning. Robinia removal.

A multi stem Robinia growing in unclaimed land just outside St Andrews church Steyning.



The species has a suckering habit and is spreading thorny suckers through the area adjacent to where the tree is growing. This includes graves and other infrastructure of the church. The tree is likely self-set, no records/memorials are available of it being planted which is unusual in this area.

I propose to remove the tree to ground level save the two largest stems which will be reduced to 2m, the suckers and regrowth can then be monitored and removed by the churchwardens as needed. I hope that the removal of regrowth will cause the tree to decline and die without the need for herbicides.

The growth of this self-set tree is also damaging church infrastructure through direct impact, both to a soakaway at the front of the church and potentially to the church wall to the rear.



