



Hopefully the attached photo will help. In it, you will see a Y shape where a major branch splits from the main trunk. A little way up the major branch (the left hand part of the Y), you can see a smaller one split off (and that branch now looking almost horizontal). The split is almost exactly in the middle of the photo, if you zoom in.

I think the only option is to cut this smaller branch off close to where it leaves the major branch, as that is exactly where it has broken. There is nothing left of the smaller branch that can be saved. I want to take the minimum amount off of the tree, as we really like having such a tall, mature tree in the garden. My neighbour thinks this happened on Saturday 11th July, but we didn't get back until late on Saturday, so don't know for sure, though the leaves on the broken branch were not dying as they clearly are now when we spotted the break Sunday morning.

The branch that is breaking off is definitely getting lower (so the split is widening), as its lower branches are about a metre lower than when I was looking at it 2 days ago. I'm worried it will damage either the holly trees or cherry plum tree underneath it, as I'm confident it will fall on its own within a week. Sooner if we have a period of high winds.

This tree drops a medium to large branch during high wind times about once a year since I've owned the property (5.5 years), though this is by far the biggest I've seen yet.

