

Oswestry Town Council

High Winds Policy

To ensure the safety of members of the public, staff and contractors, we will need to close our green spaces that have substantial trees in them (Cae Glas, Brogyntyn, Castle Mound and the Cemetery) when high winds are forecast. Afterwards, we need to survey the open spaces to ensure that any damage is dealt with.

Our policy is to close when speeds are forecast to reach gusts of 50mph or faster (45mph in Summer when trees are in leaf). We close our green spaces by locking the gates and putting safety notices on the outside of them saying why we are closed.

For your own safety, please do not come into our green spaces when signs are displayed saying it is closed. We will also try to alert people through our social media platforms to save them unnecessary journeys.

After a storm has passed through, we need to carry out a post-storm survey to determine that our green spaces are safe to enter.

High winds can cause damage to trees at high level, causing limbs and branches to fall with little or no warning. They can also damage the structure of a tree so it will fall some time later. So, please do not enter our green spaces until the gates have been unlocked.

After a very big storm or hurricane we may need to open part of our green spaces only – please follow the directions of signs and do not enter roped off areas.

Sometimes fallen trees can be dangerous; please do not play on them. If you spot tree damage without red and white tape on it, please keep away and let us know where it is by calling 07764 772 970 so we can make it safe.

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