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**Diocese:** Chester                      **Archdeaconry:** Macclesfield  
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**Status:** Ready for formal application

## Statement of Needs

### General information

The building has been adapted over the years and has played a prominent part in village life. There are two services each Sunday and is used by the signing choir on Monday evenings, by the church choir on Tuesday evenings and many concerts and events throughout the year

### What is needed?

The juniper tree is directly beside the footpath and there is evidence of two separate roots passing under the tarmac surface of the path. These roots have lifted the footpath to a height of 5-7cm causing it to crack and creating a significant trip hazard

### The proposal

Removal of tree, grinding out of stump and roots which pass under path, re-laying of tarmac, and replanting of a replacement tree in a more appropriate location

### Why?

The roots of the juniper tree are causing the path to become unsafe as they are definitely a trip hazard. Some of the older parishioners have mentioned it as it is growing darker now down the path it presents a significant obstacle to those walking up and down the path.

### Justification

Since the removal of the beech tree which was deemed dangerous the space and subsequently the light has meant the church looks more accessible. We would like to make the space in front of the church more welcoming by designing an area which is beautiful and which has a few smaller trees which require less maintenance for the future.

The juniper tree is not subject to a tree preservation order nor in a conservation area.