

Shackerstone Station,
Shackerstone,
Nuneaton,
Warwickshire.
13/03/2026

To whom it may concern,
Hinckley and Bosworth District Council.

Re: Horse Chestnut tree on Platform 1 at Shackerstone Station.

Dear Sir/Madam,

A recent routine inspection of the infrastructure at Shackerstone Station by the railway's engineering department has identified that the above tree now poses an immediate safety threat to the operation of the railway. The roots of the tree have both:

1. Started to push the platform retaining wall towards the track, potentially causing impingement to the loading gauge, and/or collapse of part of the platform onto the track.
2. Undermining the foundations of the footbridge support, causing cracks in the brickwork and potentially making the footbridge across the railway tracks unsafe.

As a railway operator we have to have the safety of our staff and passengers to the forefront, and thus we have made the difficult decision to remove this tree as soon as practically possible as it poses a danger to the safety of the railway.

We are aware that the tree is in a Conservation Area and under normal circumstances written permission from yourselves is required before any work is undertaken. However, as we believe that this tree is now posing an immediate risk to our safe operations and under the powers we have under the ORR and our Light Railway Order, we are advising you that we are having to have it removed as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

Dr Ritchie Marcus

Safety Director SRS, for the Board of Shackerstone Railway Society Limited.