



# Sustainable South Lanarkshire

An Ash Dieback Case study  
- Raising awareness and taking action

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# Assessing the scale of the impact of ash dieback on our 2,293km road network and landholdings

## Best practice

- Ash Dieback; Action Plan Toolkit for Scotland (*The Tree council*)
- Common Sense Risk Management of Trees (*National Tree Safety Group (NTSG)*)
- 'Google Street View virtual survey and in person field surveys (*Arboricultural journal 41, 2019 by P Meunpong, S Buathong, and T Kaewgra-jang*)
- Highways phase 1 by WSP (*West Sussex County Council*)



Calderwood Rd  
East Kilbride, Scotland



Street View - Jul 2017



Street View - Jul 2017

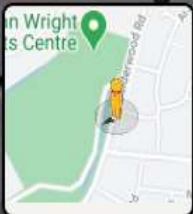


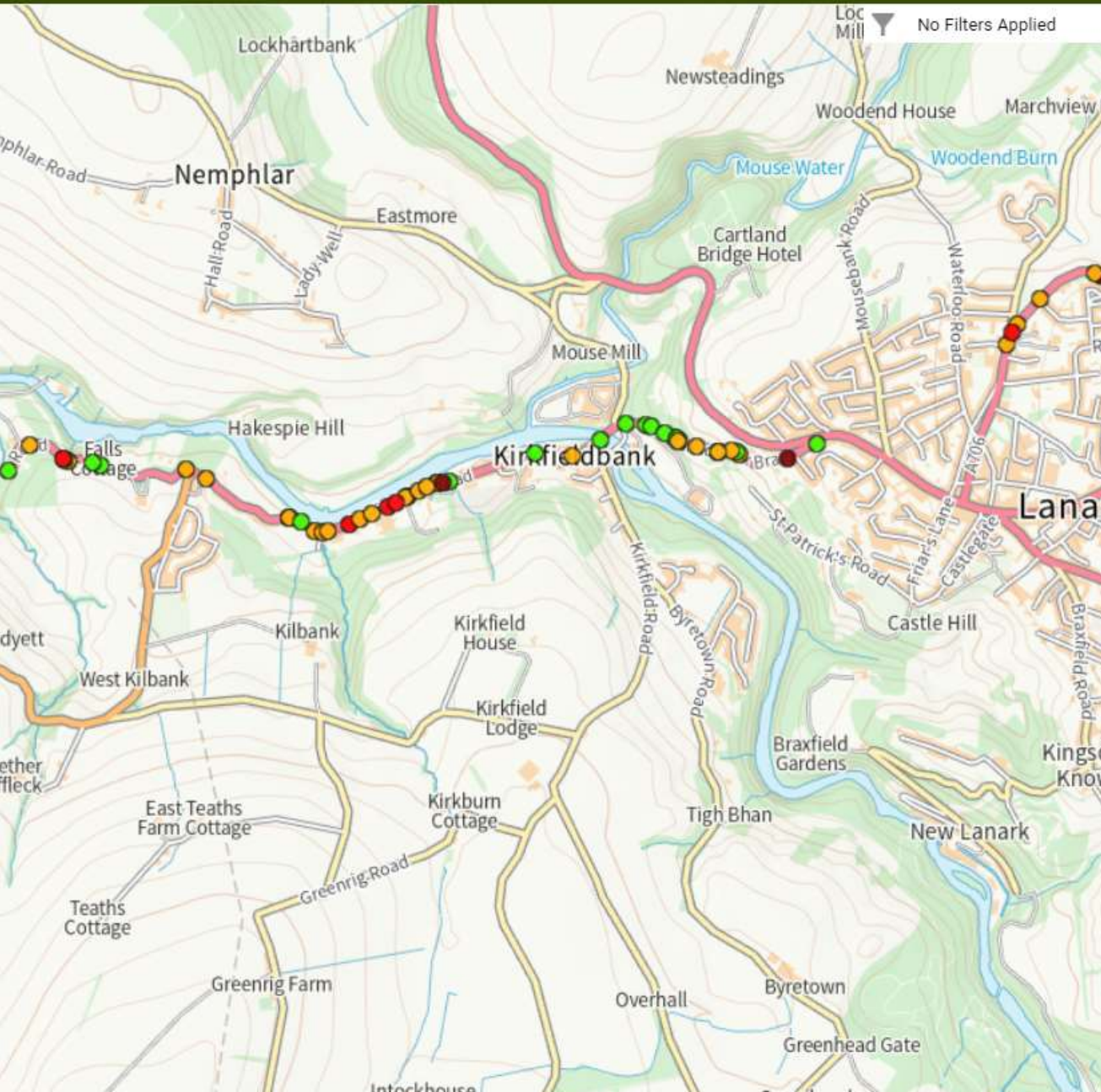
# Google street view virtual Survey



There are a number of management options for ash dieback, including pollarding and even coronet cutting

Google





Loc Mill No Filters Applied

LEGEND



- Layer: Trees
- Display by: Ash Dieback (%)
- Symbology: None

Showing 67 of 63,733 sites.

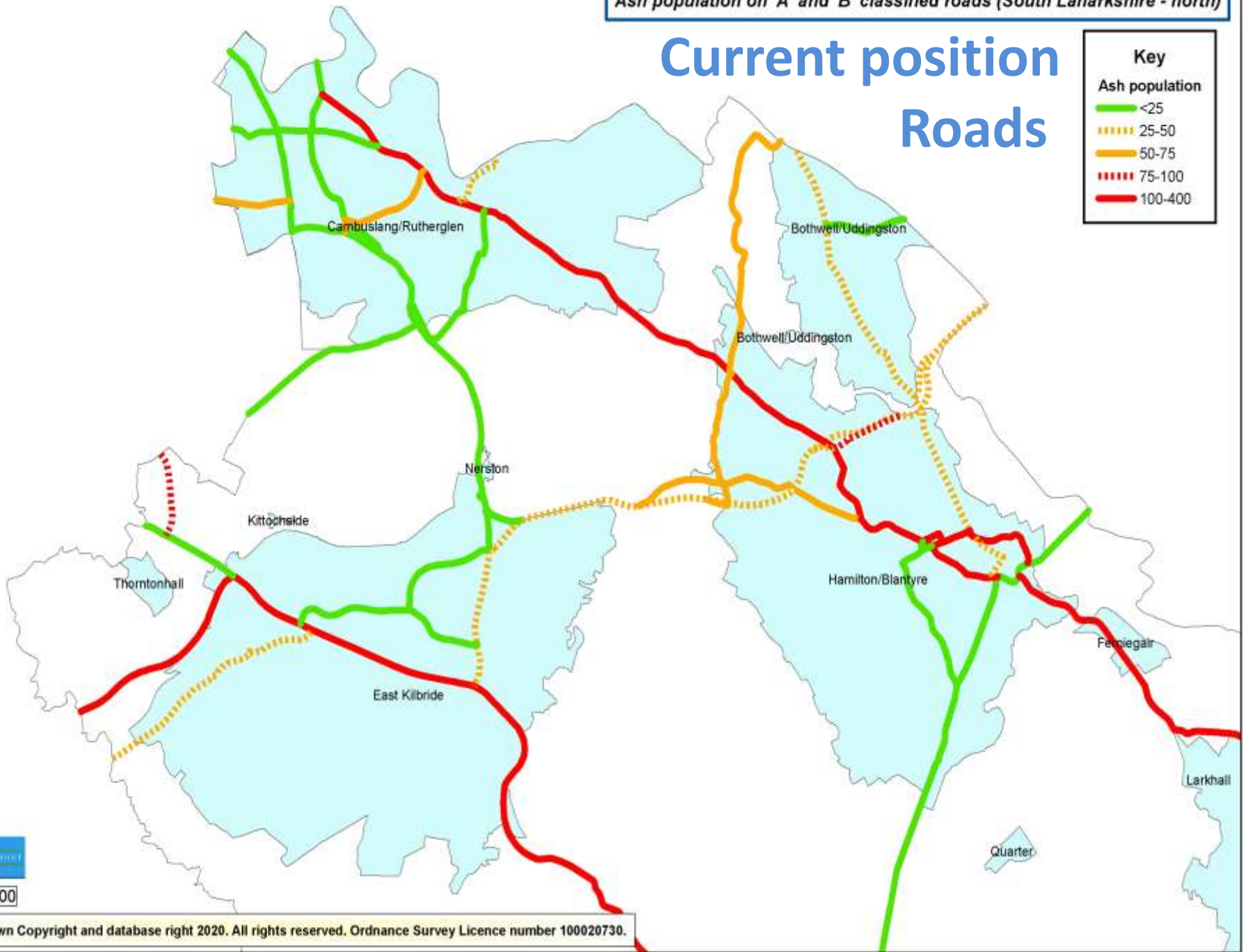
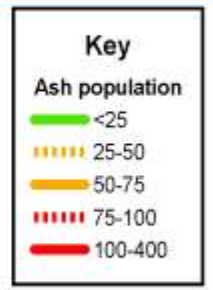
- Toggle All ?
- None (138)
- 0-25 (315)
- 25-50 (146)
- 50-75 (50)
- 75-100 (69)
- Not Specified (63015)

Charts

Layers

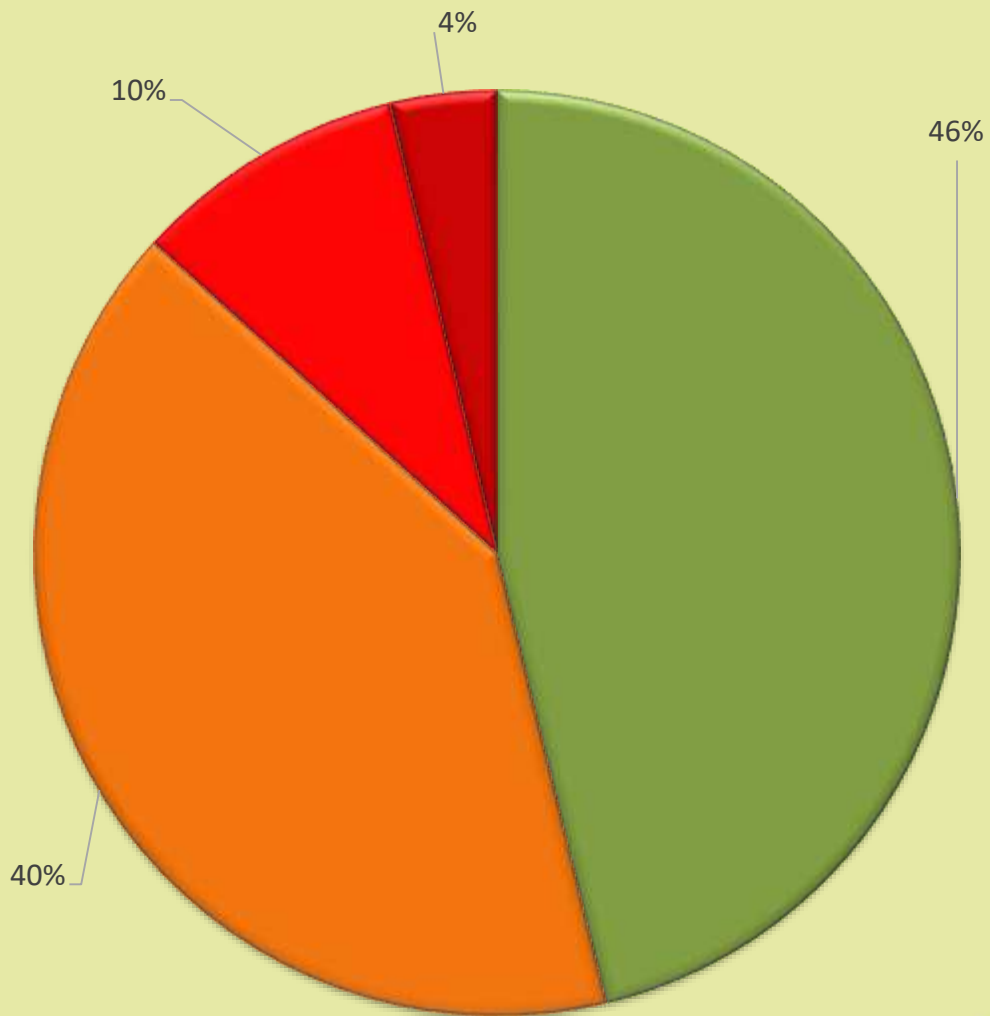
- Trees
- Tree Planting Sites
- Groups Inspections
- Land Legal Title
- Woodland Planting Sites

# Current position Roads



1:70,000

## Road network by Ash Health Class



**Class 1 (100% - 76%)**



**Class 2 (75% - 51%)**



**Class 3 (50% - 26%)**



**Class 4 (25% - 0%)**



## Basic estimated statistics

**7,439**

Overall estimated number of ash trees on verges of A, B, C and U roads

**855**

Estimated number of ash trees in Council ownership (Roads) and within falling distance of the road

**6,584**

Estimated number of ash trees in private ownership and within falling distance of the Road

**13,415**

Estimated number of ash trees in Green Infrastructure adjacent public areas

**38,608**

Estimated number of recorded woodland ash trees

**89%**


of the recorded ash trees are 6 metres plus in size (the size that requires work to be undertaken to remove safety risks)



## Current Position

Disease is present in all sections of survey areas where ash trees are recorded.

- Corporate Risk Register
- Preparing an Ash Dieback Action Plan
- Position in relation to roadside trees
- Purchased Tree Management Software
- Developing Tree Canopy Cover Strategy



It is not  
'business  
as usual'!



# Implications

## **Employee Implications**

Insufficient resource

## **Financial Implications**

- > £10.3m
- Insufficient resources
- Increased liability
- recovery and adaption costs unquantified
- legal costs for serving notices and enforcement unquantified

## **Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications**



# Next Steps

- Complete Ash Dieback Action Plan
- Resources
- Recovery and adaption
  - Tree Canopy Cover Strategy



## Useful links

[Ash Dieback: tool kit for Scotland \(Tree Council\)](#)

[Essential information on the felling of diseased ash \(ukfisa.com\)](#)

[Scottish Forestry - Felling permissions](#)

[Scottish Forestry - Ash dieback in Scotland](#)

New - Ash Dieback guide for homeowners in Scotland (pending)

# ASH DIEBACK:

*An Action Plan Toolkit for Scotland*





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