



## **Press Statement**

### **Trees Vandalised in Monasterevin**

Kildare County Council is seeking the help of the public in Monasterevin after two mature street trees in the town were killed. The trees a Horse Chestnut and Lime are located on the corner of Whelan Street and Drogheda Street and are estimated to be among some of the oldest trees in the town. The Horse Chestnut is estimated to be over 100years old and the Lime about 50 years old.

The decline of the trees was first noticed in the late Summer of 2013 when the leaves on the trees were noticed to be shrivelled and discoloured and displaying symptoms associated with weedkiller or chemical damage. Small bore holes were noticed in the base of the tree and maybe locations where the chemicals were applied to kill the trees. The trees were monitored in 2014 but have shown no signs of recovery.

A decision has now been taken by Kildare County Council to remove the trees at a cost of €2000. This will have a big visual impact on the streets where the tree were located. Due to the maturity and age of the trees they are irreplaceable.

Kildare County Council is anxious to pursue the perpetrators who may have carried this act of vandalism to seek the recoupment cost of the removal of the trees and the cost of replacing them.

Any residents with any relevant information should contact Kildare County Council Parks Section at 045-908538 or local Gardai.



Two Trees at the Junction of Whelan Street and Drogheda Street



Leaves of Horse Chestnut showing signs of Chemical damage

**Ends**

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