

REPORT ON DAMAGE TO POST OFFICE LEAN-TO ROOF

As everyone will be aware a willow tree crashed down onto the lean-to roof of the Post Office last week during the high winds Monday night 31st October.

Lesley arranged for Toller Tree Care to come out and remove the tree from the roof cutting it up and stacking the wood and branches in the garden of Apple Cottage where it belonged.

John Lewis carried out emergency repairs to ensure that the roof was again water tight but thought that the corrugated sheets on the roof contained asbestos.

Lesley sent photographs of the fallen tree and the roof damage to the owner of Apple Cottage Michael Kemp which he has passed onto his insurers. I have today emailed Mr Kemp directly asking that he informs his insurers that we wish to make permanent repairs to the roof before the weather starts to get colder and to confirm that they will be covering the cost. Mr Kemp telephoned me in response and copied me into an email to his insurers requesting expediency in dealing with the issue.

As there is the risk of possible asbestos I am intending to ask O'Brien Roofing to come out and quote for the repairs as necessary and they should have the experience to confirm or otherwise the presence of asbestos, which with any luck I will have by next Wednesday (16th Nov.).