

Taken from the latest ATYC new letter

### Overhanging Trees.

There have been numerous complaints this year (and in previous years) regarding overhanging trees. The matter is regularly raised with the EA and in response to the ATYC asking it to be raised at the forthcoming TNUF meeting the EA have stated ‘We do not have a programme of tree works planned at this point, and we are dealing only with essential reactive works for which we have a small budget, or trees that have been assessed to be a risk to public safety. The trees affecting the boats on the islands in the Maidenhead Reach are the responsibility of the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead. This is not our land. Some tree work was completed before Operation Lyceum in May at Romney Lock and we have received no complaints from the passenger boat operators in the area or photos of specific problem trees from users. Any works carried out by riparian owners would be completed at their discretion and would need to be in accordance with any legislation intended to protect habitats and wildlife. For example the Wildlife and Country Side Act prevents tree work during the bird nesting season February to September unless it is an emergency blocking the navigation.

SRCC note: No mention of course of the tree problems on the upper reaches.  
This will again be raised at the next River User Group meeting. (RUGS)