

Midlothian Council accused of damaging nesting site and landmark

One of the trees on Cruachan Court is a landmark in Penicuik, and locals are most annoyed that the council has taken action today to limb the tree. They are concerned that the council workers will be back tomorrow to fell it completely.

Apart from the historic significance of it, we are told that there are birds nesting in it, and many locals have voiced their opinions about the legality of the council's action. We presume that Midlothian Council must have permission, as there are council vehicles in attendance, but our calls and emails to them have not yet elicited any useful information.

Keith Allan who lives nearby first alerted us to the council's action this morning and sent us these photos and a video too.



Photo Keith Allan

Residents who are members of the Penicuik Residents Forum [Facebook](#) group have been commenting all morning with their tales of the 'Witch's tree' which may soon be gone. When Keith

Allan asked one of the workmen about their plans, it certainly seemed that the tree is to be chopped down.

We have asked Midlothian Council and ward councillor, Cllr Andrew Hardie, for comment.