

Vegetation Subsidence

Subsidence Risk Indicator



Soil

Vegetation related subsidence of buildings is due to the action of tree roots drying the subsoil below foundation level.

Clay Soil

A clay soil is needed as this has the capacity to shrink and swell due to the action of trees and the building can then subside.

Complex

Just because there are trees and clay soil in no way means the property will get subsidence. Damage of this type is complicated and driven by many different factors. More properties in risk areas based on soil type don't get subsidence than do.

Superficial

Although cracks in your home can be alarming engineers regularly advise that they are superficial only and subject to removal of the causal trees, or suitable superstructure strengthening, damage rarely returns.

Our Advice

We report on the risk of vegetation causing subsidence to your property using our subsidence risk indicator. We identify any appropriate tree work. In addition, should damage occur your household insurance will cover you.