



The Arboricultural Association's
 45th Annual Amenity Arboriculture Conference
 Warwick University
 18-20 September 2011
Programme



Sunday 18 September
Sunday Technical Demonstrations

(Full details of the Sunday programme and support materials will be provided on site)

11.00 -12.00	Arrival and Registration	AA Staff
12.00	Introductions and welcome to 'The Arboricultural Worksite': <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roles and responsibilities • Management and planning • Risk assessment 	Chris Cooper-Abbs Paul Smith Simon Rotheram
13.00-14.00	Break	
14.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climbing and access • Aerial rescue • Use of chainsaw in the tree • Dismantling 	Chris Cooper-Abbs Matt Brooker Beechwood Trees
16.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BS3998:2010 Tree work – recommendations: Pruning standards • Chipper • NRSWA: Chapter 8 traffic management • Stump Grinder 	Paul Smith Chris Cooper-Abbs Matt Brooker Beechwood Trees
17.30	Questions and discussions	All
18.00	Close	
18.00-19.00	Registration for the Lecture Conference is available in the Warwick Arts Centre	AA Staff
19.30	Dinner in Rootes Restaurant (if booked) Bar	



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Monday 19 September – Morning

07.30	Breakfast in Rootes Restaurant	
09.00	Registration in Warwick Arts Centre Coffee in the Mead Gallery	
09.40	AA Chairman's welcome in Lecture Theatre	Peter Holloway
09.50	<p>Trees, planning and localism – from little acorns to green infrastructure? The planning system is undergoing major review with a new emphasis on local policy and decision-making and economic growth. The session will take an overview of the implications for trees and consider the emerging opportunities and challenges facing the environmental professions.</p>	<p>Ian Phillips Ian is a chartered landscape architect and town planner working as an independent consultant. With a background in local government, he is Chair of the LI Appointments Committee and a member of the LI Council and Policy Committee. He is also Chair of the Tree Advice Trust and a member of BSI Committees dealing with tree issues.</p>
10.15	<p>Safety in numbers! The 1:10,000 time bomb Modern thinking on managing tree risk has focused on a 1:10,000 threshold for action. However, observations from recent cases indicate that reliance on this figure may not be quite as safe as once thought.</p>	<p>Jeremy Barrell Jeremy Barrell is the most successful UK tree expert witness dealing with hazard management cases, acting for the successful parties in Poll v Bartholomew, Atkins v Scott and Micklewright v SCC.</p>
11.00	Coffee in the Mead Gallery	
11.30	<p>Speed Briefing 1 National Tree Safety Group – from conception to publication Outline of recent publication of NTSG's guidance on trees and public safety 'Common sense risk management of trees'. The philosophy, principles and consultation, and how to use the document – and what's next?</p>	<p>Neville Fay Neville Fay, Chartered Arboriculturist, Treework Environmental Practice Principal Consultant. Chair of drafting committee of National Tree Safety Group. Founder of Tree Aid and past-chair of Ancient Tree Forum.</p>
11.45	<p>Speed Briefing 2 Update on progress of BS 8545 Progress to date on the development of this important new British Standard.</p>	<p>Keith Sacre Sales Director Barcham Trees. BSc Hons Arb. MICE. Chartered Arboriculturist.</p>
12.00	<p>Speed Briefing 3 The new, all singing, all dancing ARB Approved Scheme The scheme has gone through a radical revision and now embraces contractors of all shapes and sizes.</p>	<p>Paul Smith Paul is one of the Technical Officers with the Arboricultural Association, and manager of the ARB Approved Contractor Scheme.</p>
12.15	<p>Speed Briefing 4 Partner Update on Lantra's Work with the Tree Industry An update on progress with being made on Chainsaw qualifications, National Occupational Standards etc. with an emphasis on how all those who are interested can get involved.</p>	<p>Stuart Phillips Stuart is the acting Trees and Timber industry manager for Lantra SSC. After far too long working in Land-based colleges he has run his own training and consultancy company.</p>
12.30	Lunch in the Mead Gallery	



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13.40	Afternoon Session Chairman's introduction	Dominic Scanlon
13.45	The mechanical properties of tree forks – update Research into junctions in trees has progressed in the last year, identifying errant ideas in current arboricultural theory and some interim recommendations in tree management can now be given.	Duncan Slater Duncan is a lecturer in arboriculture at Myerscough College, Lancashire and a part-time PhD student at the University of Manchester. He was previously a Local Authority Tree Officer.
14.30	Looking outside the tree pit Sustainable Integrated Infrastructure (Sii); considers the practical application of recent design and engineering innovations and identifies the need for arboriculture to promote itself in a broader arena in order to secure sustainable green infrastructure.	Martin Gammie Design and Environment Team Leader at South Oxfordshire District Council with a wealth of experience in both public and private sector arboriculture spanning over 30 years. Chartered Forester and Fellow of the AA.
15.15	Tea in the Mead Gallery	
15.45	Emerging threats to tree health – biosecurity measures that address pathways into the natural environment The pathways for introduction of some of the recent pests and diseases that are seriously affecting tree health in the UK are reviewed. Relevant biosecurity measures are discussed.	John Morgan John is Head of the Forestry Commission's Plant Health Service. He previously ran the FC nurseries and has worked in forest management and research.
16.30	Massaria of London Plane Massaria is a fungal disease which kills bark and cambium on branches of London Plane. A relatively recent development in the UK, Massaria is now having an impact. This paper discusses its development and management.	Mike Turner Mike Turner is Arboricultural Manager at The Royal Parks, employed since 2005. Previously at West Berkshire Council and also private sector, he has 20 years' experience in professional arboriculture.
17.15	Chairman's summing up	Dominic Scanlon
17.30	AA AGM in the Ensemble Room – AA members only	Free time for non-members
18.10	Open forum in the Ensemble Room	
18.30	Tree planting ceremony with Henry Girling	
19.15	Wine reception in the Mead Gallery	
20.00	Conference Dinner in the Panorama Suite, Rootes Building Bar until late	



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07.30	Breakfast in Rootes Restaurant	
09.00	Registration in Warwick Arts Centre Coffee in the Mead Gallery	
09.25	Session Chairman's welcome in the Lecture Theatre	Jon Heuch
09.30	<p>The proposed changes to the TPO legislation – how did we get here, and where do we go next? Government initiatives on housekeeping, (cutting red tape and improving LA powers) are part of a drive to push decision making to a local level. Following Eric Pickles' announcement that TPOs would be consolidated and streamlined, we still await the outcome of the consultation and the laying before Parliament of the new Regulations.</p>	<p>Peter Annett Recently retired from the post of Government Arboriculturist in the Department for Communities and Local Government, with a distinguished career within the industry in education and Local Authority, Peter continues to offer strategic advice and support in a consultant capacity.</p>
10.15	<p>What would the changes be? And, meanwhile, what else is going on in the law? The proposed changes to the T&CPA 1990 – the draft Regulations providing a new order, all the exemptions from the need for consent, procedures for applications and appeals, and rules as to compensation. And a brief overview of case law, other new legislation, and guidance, relevant to managing trees, forests and hedges.</p>	<p>Dr Charles Mynors Charles is a town planner, chartered surveyor, barrister and author of (amongst other things) the definitive textbook <i>The Law of Trees, Forests and Hedgerows</i>, the 2nd edition of which is due to be published this autumn.</p>
11.00	Coffee in the Mead Gallery	
11.30	<p>Arbo-archaeology: Trees as archaeological artefacts LiDAR technology allows archaeologists to see 'through' tree canopies to the ground below. But is it an ore pit or a saw pit? This session's essential toolkit will tell you.</p>	<p>Clive Mayhew Clive Mayhew is a tree consultant working in Sussex. For many years he has tried to promote a greater understanding of the role that individual trees play in broader landscapes.</p>
12.15	<p>Urban Forestry – an 'Architecture of Urbanism' This paper will discuss how urban forestry can be accommodated within the concept of 'urbanism' and that it is on the threshold of being recognised as one of the 'architectures of urbanism'.</p>	<p>Alan Simson Alan Simson is a chartered landscape architect and urban forester. He has worked in the UK New Towns, private practice and higher education, and has led several European urban forestry research projects on behalf of the UK.</p>
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13.55	Afternoon Session Chairman's introduction	Martyn Thomas
14.00	The Notable Trees of New Zealand For the past 15 years the Waikato Institute of Technology has revisited the trees identified in the 1960–70s as notable in NZ. We have surveyed land owners about their opinions and the value they attribute these trees.	Rob Graham Rob is the programme Manager for Arboriculture at the Waikato Institute of Technology (Wintec), he has been teaching there for the last 16 years. Prior to that he has worked in many areas of Arboriculture worldwide.
14.45	Urban trees, urban people: an exploration of an intimate and profound relationship An exploration of the relationship between residents and street trees emphasising how such knowledge should be as fundamental to arboriculture as plant ID, risk management, valuation and compartmentalisation of decay.	Dr. John Flannigan John's interest in the relationship between urban trees and people has developed during 15 years of local authority service and his PhD research into residents' relationships with nearby street trees.
15.30	Tea in the Mead Gallery	
16.00	Raffle	
16.15	What proportion of the costs of urban trees can be justified by the carbon sequestration and air-quality benefits they provide? The i-Tree programme uses peer-reviewed research to estimate air-quality and carbon sequestration benefits. This paper uses the results of its first application in the UK to consider the value for money offered by trees in a formal cost-benefit analysis.	Tim Sunderland Tim Sunderland works for Natural England as an environmental economist, developing evidence about the benefits offered by the environment and facilitating their use in decision making. He holds an MSc in Ecological Economics from Leeds University and has previously worked in regeneration and skills policy.
17.00	Keynote concluding speech	Glenn Morris Glenn is Managing Director of Down to Earth Trees, Ltd., which has been trading for 30 years (22 as an ARB Approved Contractor).
17.15	AA Chairman's concluding speech	
17.30	Close and depart	