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AA Utility Arboriculture Group Quarterly Update

Welcome to the latest update from the AA's Utility Arboriculture Group

It is immensely important that the Group's voice is heard as it represents many hundreds of arborists at craft level and their companies. The Group has been involved in responding to various consultation documents issued by Government and the industry – two of which are reported below.

Minutes of meetings are circulated to Virtual Group members – if you are not getting your quarterly update and other information sent to Virtual Group members please check that the Group's secretary has your current email address. If you change and don't tell us then you will fall off the list! Email halm@btsgroupuk.com if you're not on the list.

The Core Group is undergoing a few changes in membership. George McRobbie standing down having pioneered the group from concept to reality – he always promised he would get it going and chair it for a year and that is what he has done – thank you George. Peter Neighbour has moved on from **fountains** and utility arboriculture and so vacates the UAG. Again, thank you Peter for your support. Professional Committee is considering nominations for replacements.

This was the core group at its last meeting (5th January 2006). Not able to attend the meeting were Paul Hornby (Associated Utility Supplies) and Peter Neighbour's replacement (to be determined by AA Professional Committee).



Caption

UAG Core Group on 5th January 2006, left to right: Simon Richmond (Lantra Awards); Nick Eden (Arboricultural Association, non-voting co-opt for this meeting); Halley McCallum (BTS Group and Secretary to UAG); George McRobbie (Tilhill and chair of UAG); Joe Jarvis (NPTC, non-voting co-opt for this meeting); Gary Scammell (Gristwood and Toms and Arboricultural Association Professional Committee representative); David Walker (Walker Tree Surgeons) and David Adams (Silvanus Services).

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