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for the Arboricultural Association's
52nd Annual Amenity Arboriculture Conference
9–12 September 2018



	EARLY BIRD Price before 10 August		PRICE AFTER 10 August	
	AA member (exc. VAT)	Non-member (exc. VAT)	AA member (exc. VAT)	Non-member (exc. VAT)
Early Bird discount booking ends Friday 10 August				
Sunday Field Trip: Sunday 9 September – to include lunch and return coach transport from University	£45.00	£50.00	£55.00	£60.00
Conference Day Delegate: Monday 10 September	£150.00	£185.00	£180.00	£230.00
Conference Day Delegate: Tuesday 11 September	£150.00	£185.00	£180.00	£230.00
Conference Day Delegate: Wednesday 12 September	£150.00	£185.00	£180.00	£230.00
Full-Time Student: Day delegate (any day, Mon–Weds)	£75.00	£100.00	£100.00	£125.00
Bed and Breakfast: Saturday 8 September	£65.00	£70.00	£75.00	£80.00
Sunday Dinner: Sunday 9 September	£20.00	£20.00	£25.00	£25.00
Bed and Breakfast: Sunday 9 September	£65.00	£70.00	£75.00	£80.00
Monday Dinner: Monday 10 September – including wine reception	£25.00	£25.00	£30.00	£30.00
Bed and Breakfast: Monday 10 September	£65.00	£70.00	£75.00	£80.00
Tuesday Conference Dinner: Tuesday 11 September – including annual awards ceremony	£50.00	£55.00	£55.00	£60.00
Bed and Breakfast: Tuesday 11 September	£65.00	£70.00	£75.00	£80.00
Package Full Residential Conference: Mon–Weds	£600.00	£675.00	£690.00	£795.00
Package Full Residential Conference: Sun–Weds – including Sunday Field Trip	£690.00	£765.00	£780.00	£885.00

NOW CLOSED

Cancellation: The full charge will be applied to any booking cancelled after 24 August.

To find out more and book your place visit:

www.trees.org.uk/Amenity-Conference

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The Arboricultural Association's
52nd National Amenity Conference



SOILS & TREES Standing your Ground

University of Exeter 9–12 September 2018



This year we are working in partnership with the **Sustainable Soils Alliance**



An in-depth journey exploring the relationship between soil science and arboriculture

Book your place now

The **Early Bird discount** is now closed, but hurry to secure your place using our easy-to-use online booking. To reserve your place, simply visit www.trees.org.uk/Amenity-Conference

Keep a look out for the **Amenity Conference App** launching end of August!

The Natural Environment

Landscape

Rural into Urban

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Remediation & Collaboration

The Way Forward



Programme sponsors:





Sunday Field Trip to Stone Lane Gardens

🕒 12:00 – 17:00

The conference will begin with a visit on **Sunday 9th September** to an enchanting 5-acre woodland garden on the edge of Dartmoor National Park in Devon, famous for its National Collections of Birch and Alder.

This year we are delighted to invite our conference delegates to join us in exploring a unique tree collection and nursery, tucked away in the hills of Dartmoor National Park.

Stone Lane Gardens is a specialist tree nursery, growing primarily birch and alder species. The site is not large but contains a semi mature arboretum of some five acres, formal gardens and regular sculpture and other art exhibitions.

The collection was the inspiration of Kenneth Ashburner, who spent some twenty years travelling the northern hemisphere, researching and collecting wild species. He was also responsible for extensive clarification of the nomenclature for these genera, in particular the *Betula* species, and examples of a wide variety of semi mature specimens, often in groups of 20 or so trees, can be seen, clearly labelled, for comparison of their unique features.

The Sunday Field Trip will depart from the University of Exeter at midday on 9th September, via a well-chosen pub for lunch, for a fascinating talk and guided tour of the gardens, returning to Exeter in the early evening.

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The importance of Soils has come into focus in recent years and understanding their science is increasingly recognised as critical to improving the establishment and growth of trees, whatever their setting. For professionals involved in the care and cultivation of amenity trees, Arboriculture begins and ends with the soil. To help us delve into the wide-ranging impact of soils on arboriculture, we're proud to present a fantastic line-up of **34 speaker sessions**, including **10 prominent international speakers**, which will take delegates on a **narrative journey** through **soil science and trees**, and help us get serious about soils!

SUSTAINABLE SOILS ALLIANCE

The Association is thrilled to collaborate with the **Sustainable Soils Alliance (SSA)** on this year's National Amenity Arboriculture Conference, the premier event in the United Kingdom, which returns to the state-of-the-art facilities at 'The Forum', the University of Exeter's stunning centrepiece.

The SSA, which is leading the nation on soil policy through cross-sectorial collaboration, is a partnership looking to reverse soil health decline and work together to restore our soils to health within one generation. It has its origins in Arboriculture, being founded as an NGO by Treework Seminars and sponsored by Treework Environmental Practice.

Monday 10th September

Morning Session

Theme: **The Natural Environment**
Session Chair: **Neville Fay (UK)**

Keynote: Craig Sams (UK)

Professor Bridget Emmett (UK)
How do woodlands affect soil health – evidence of impacts from local to national scale

Professor David Johnson (UK)
Lessons from pests in the past; prospects for the future

William Bryant Logan (US)
Living soil

Professor Lynne Boddy (UK)
Fungal underground highways and byways

Professor Marc-André Selosse (FR)
Trees and functioning soil microbiology – implications for health, decline and resilience

Afternoon Session

Theme: **Trees, Soils and the Landscape**
Session Chair: **Tony Kirkham (UK)**

Keynote: Sir Tim Smit (UK)

Professor Howard Thomas (UK)
Tree and soil evolution: the war between trees and grass

Dr. John Gilliland, OBE (UK)
Silvopastoral systems: the future of woody species in the food producing landscape

Dr. Martin Bidartondo (UK)
Forests and mycorrhizas in a changing world: implications of nitrogen and other environmental impacts

Richard Smith (UK)
Understanding soil compaction: consequences for the landscape and trees

Tuesday 11th September

Morning Session

Theme: **Rural into Urban – Effective Planning**
Session Chair: **Michelle Ryan (UK)**

Keynote: Ted Green, MBE (UK)

Dr. Gary Watson (US)
Living on the edge: the status of a newly planted tree

Professor Andreas Roloff (GER)
Decision tools for urban habitats considering climate change and other factors

Dr. Andy Hiron (UK)
Improving tree species selection for urban environments – translating science into practice

Simon Toomer (UK)
Thinking again – species choice for adaptation and resilience in historical treescapes

Tim O'Hare (UK)
Technical soil challenges for tree planting in urban environments

Afternoon Session

Theme: **Engineered Solutions for Constrained Environments**
Session Chair: **Stephanie Hall (UK)**

Keith Sacre (UK)
Beyond soils: the unsung (science and) art of below-ground design in urban projects

Nelda Matheny (US)
Planting and managing trees in engineered soils and constructed spaces

Björn Embren (SWE)
The search for the indestructible urban soil: Stockholm black skeletal soils with biochar

Wendy Batenburg (NL)
Urban tree establishment

Wednesday 12th September

Morning Session

Theme: **The Way Forward – Remediation**
Session Chair: **Jago Keen**

Keynote: TBC (UK)

Dr. Martin Dobson (UK)
Heave: not all it's cracked up to be

Dr. Gary Watson (US)
Urban tree root system management and care

Juan Pagola (ESP)
Case study – gaseous exchange

Dr. Glynn Percival (UK)
The use of vertical mulching and worm technology for long-term soil decompaction

Afternoon Session

Theme: **The Way Forward – Collaboration**
Session Chair: **John Parker (UK)**

Keynote: Sir William Worsley (UK)

Frédéric Ségur (FR)
A soil strategy for Greater Lyon's urban forest development

Mark Roberts (NZ)
Trees in a changing environment

Matthew Seabrook (UK)
Telford – the first 50 years (wasteland to forest city)

Joris Voeten (NL)
Future proofing the urban environment

NOTE: Speakers, titles and the printing order are all subject to change. Please visit our website for up-to-date information.

Conference themes and chairs

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Session chair: **Neville Fay**

Trees, Soils and the Landscape
Session chair: **Tony Kirkham**

Rural into Urban – Effective Planning
Session chair: **Dr. David Lonsdale**

Engineered Solutions for Constrained Environments
Session chair: **Stephanie Hall**

The Way Forward – Remediation
Session chair: **TBC**

The Way Forward – Collaboration
Session chair: **John Parker**

Don't miss out on this year's features

UK & Ireland Tree Climbing Competition (under ISA rules)
University of Exeter
7th – 9th September 2018



Sunday Field Trip Stone Lane Gardens

Cross-Sector Themes with the Sustainable Soils Alliance

Exhibitor Stands from key industry suppliers

Tree Planting Ceremony

Conference Dinner and Awards Ceremony

The Amenity Conference 2018 is presented in collaboration with

