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for the Arboricultural Association's
53rd Annual Amenity Arboriculture Conference
8–11 September 2019



	EARLY BIRD Price before 2 August		PRICE AFTER 2 August	
	AA member (exc. VAT)	Non-member (exc. VAT)	AA member (exc. VAT)	Non-member (exc. VAT)
Early Bird discount booking ends Friday 2 August				
Sunday Field Trip: Sunday 8 September – to include lunch and return coach transport from University	£45.00	£50.00	£60.00	£65.00
Conference Day Delegate: Monday 9 September	£150.00	£185.00	£190.00	£240.00
Conference Day Delegate: Tuesday 10 September	£150.00	£185.00	£190.00	£240.00
Conference Day Delegate: Wednesday 11 September	£150.00	£185.00	£190.00	£240.00
Full-Time Student: Day delegate (any day, Mon–Weds)	£75.00	£100.00	£100.00	£125.00
Bed and Breakfast: Saturday 7 September	£65.00	£70.00	£80.00	£85.00
Sunday Dinner: Sunday 8 September	£20.00	£20.00	£25.00	£25.00
Bed and Breakfast: Sunday 8 September	£65.00	£70.00	£80.00	£85.00
Monday Dinner: Monday 9 September – including wine reception	£25.00	£25.00	£35.00	£35.00
Bed and Breakfast: Monday 9 September	£65.00	£70.00	£80.00	£85.00
Tuesday Conference Gala Dinner: Tuesday 10 September – including annual awards ceremony and after dinner presentation	£50.00	£55.00	£60.00	£65.00
Bed and Breakfast: Tuesday 10 September	£65.00	£70.00	£80.00	£85.00
Package Full Residential Conference: Mon–Weds	£600.00	£675.00	£725.00	£825.00
Package Full Residential Conference: Sun–Weds – including Sunday Field Trip	£690.00	£765.00	£800.00	£900.00

EARLY BIRD NOW CLOSED

Cancellation: The full charge will be applied to any booking cancelled after 23 August.

To find out more and book your place visit:
www.trees.org.uk/Amenity-Conference

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The Arboricultural Association's
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Crown & Canopy Management
Working with Nature

University of Exeter, 8–11 September 2019



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Programme sponsors:





Sunday Field Trip to Dartington Hall Estate

🕒 12:00 – 17:00

The conference will begin with a visit on **Sunday 8th September** to the beautiful Dartington Hall Estate in Totnes, home to a fantastic tree collection and some innovative projects.

The Gardens at Dartington are steeped in history; a monument to the vision and enterprise of the great families who have owned it. Dartington originated in the 1390s when John Holand, the half brother to King Richard II, created a medieval manor house on the hillside overlooking the river Dart.

Trees are a principal feature of the gardens, which appear on the Tree register and have a Grade 2 listing, with many veteran and some ancient trees. Many of the great trees so prominent in the gardens today, including the *Platanus x acerifolia*, *Quercus sp.*, 300-400-year-old *Castanea sativa*, were planted by the Champenowne family, who lived in the hall for 366 years. Due to the age of the trees there is a possibility that their life-span is ending in the next half century.

Dartington is also home to one of Britain's rarest native trees – the Black Poplar (*Populus nigra subsp. Betulifolia*). There are thought to be only 7000 left in Britain but the Dartington Estate is lucky enough to have 4 Black Poplar trees.

The estate has also played host to The Agroforestry Research Trust for some years and encouraging a wider uptake of agroforestry on the estate became a priority as part of its Land Use Review.

Focusing on the heart of arboriculture

This year's Conference is focusing on the heart of arboriculture – managing trees and tree populations, from the macro to the micro, through canopy and crown.

Whether you are dealing with policy at local, regional, national or global level, or working on individual trees as a climbing arborist, consultant, specifier or practitioner, the conference will present an engaging programme of international and local speakers that will take your knowledge and understanding to new levels.

Under the four broad topic areas of 'Natural function', 'Governance, guidance and application', 'Pruning methodologies' and 'Challenging current practice', we will explore in depth the latest understanding, theories, technologies and procedures while taking an honest look at past and present practices in order to help drive the industry towards a more enlightened approach to our day-to-day relationship with the urban forest.



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Monday 9th September	Tuesday 10th September	Wednesday 11th September
<p>Morning Session</p> <p>Theme: Tree Population Management and Canopy Cover Session Chair: Tony Kirkham (UK)</p> <p>Keynote: John Parker (UK)</p> <p>Cecil Konijnendijk (CAN) Leafy ambitions: A critical look at the use of canopy cover targets in urban forest governance</p> <p>Paul Barber (AUS) Using innovative technologies for the measurement, monitoring and sustainable management of urban crowns and canopy</p> <p>Bryan Cosgrove (UK) Making trees count: A tree and woodland strategy for Greater Manchester</p> <p>Robert Northrop (US) Advanced assessment and mitigation of urban tree canopy</p> <p>Annabel Buckland (UK) UK Urban Canopy Cover: A reflection on canopy cover change</p> <p>Afternoon Session</p> <p>Theme: Natural Function Session Chair: Chris Quine (UK)</p> <p>Luke Steer (UK) Tree physiology for arborists: How trees work and what happens when parts are removed or damaged</p> <p>Duncan Slater (UK) A technical update on natural bracing and bark inclusions</p> <p>Ana Pérez-Sierra (UK) Five years overview of tree diseases through the Tree Health Diagnostic & Advisory Service at Forest Research</p> <p>Jon Banks (UK) Tree vitality: Shining a light on tree health</p>	<p>Morning Session</p> <p>Theme: Challenging Current Practice Session Chair: Mick Boddy (UK)</p> <p>Keynote: Ted Green, MBE (UK) What's pruning?</p> <p>Stefania Gasperini and Giovanni Morelli (IT) Morphophysiology and management of veteran trees: Two case studies</p> <p>Vikki Bengtsson (SWE) Veteranisation: Using tools instead of time</p> <p>Kwok-on-Tsang (HK) Pruning strategy for stonewall trees in Hong Kong: An arboricultural practice to preserve natural heritage</p> <p>Jon Hartill (SWE) From an unknown load to another unknown load, what are the consequences of reduction pruning?</p> <p>Reg Harris (UK) New thinking about retrenchment pruning</p> <p>Afternoon Session</p> <p>Theme: Pruning #1 Session Chair: Keith Sacre (UK)</p> <p>Ed Gilman (US) Formative pruning experiences and research on shade trees in the US</p> <p>Tony Kirkham (UK) Different species' response to pruning phenology</p> <p>Henry Kuppen (NL) Culture and maintenance of pleached trees in the Netherlands</p> <p>Jaroslav Kolarik (CZ) Development of the European Tree Pruning Standard</p> <p>Vaibhav Raje (IND) Potential and challenges for arboriculture in India</p>	<p>Morning Session</p> <p>Theme: Pruning #2 Session Chair: Vikki Bengtsson (SWE)</p> <p>Keynote: Sir William Worsley (UK)</p> <p>Philip van Wassenaer (CAN) Reduce the crown, retain the tree</p> <p>Paul Muir (UK) Crown reductions: An inevitable response to uncertainty?</p> <p>Martin Dobson (UK) Is pruning an effective tool for controlling subsidence risk and mitigating damage?</p> <p>Andrew Benson (NZ) Root pruning: What we know, what we don't know and some things we've learned recently</p> <p>Afternoon Session</p> <p>Theme: Practical Workshop Sessions</p> <p>Ed Gilman (US) Formative pruning</p> <p>Ana Pérez-Sierra (UK) Pests and diseases walk</p> <p>Jon Banks (UK) Chlorophyll fluorescence</p> <p>Stefania Gasperini and Giovanni Morelli (IT) Morphophysiology in practice</p> <p>NOTE: Speakers, titles and the running order are all subject to change. Please visit our website for up-to-date information.</p>

Conference themes and chairs

Monday



Tree Population Management and Canopy Cover

Session Chair: **Tony Kirkham**



Natural Function

Session Chair: **Chris Quine**

Tuesday



Challenging Current Practice

Session Chair: **Mick Boddy**



Pruning – Part 1

Session Chair: **Keith Sacre**

Wednesday



Pruning – Part 2

Session Chair: **Vikki Bengtsson**

Afternoon Practical Sessions

Sessions led by: **Ed Gilman, Ana Pérez-Sierra, Jon Banks, Stefania Gasperini and Giovanni Morelli**

Don't miss out on this year's features



Sunday Field Trip
Dartington Hall Estate



Themes at the Heart of Arboriculture
with international experts



Exhibitor Trade Stands
from key industry suppliers



Two Sessions of Practical Advice and Guidance
with a choice of subjects and experts



Conference Dinner, Wine Reception and Awards Ceremony



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