

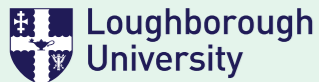


THE 55TH NATIONAL AMENITY ARBORICULTURE CONFERENCE
WHAT IS A TREE?

Be an **Early Bird** Book your place now

for the Arboricultural Association's
55th Annual Amenity Arboriculture Conference
4-7 September 2022

**EARLY BIRD BOOKING
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Early Bird discount booking ends Friday 12 August	EARLY BIRD Price before 12 August			PRICE AFTER 12 August		
	AA member (exc. VAT)	Non- member (exc. VAT)	Student (exc. VAT)	AA member (exc. VAT)	Non- member (exc. VAT)	Student (exc. VAT)
Options						
Sunday Field Trip to Calke Abbey: Sunday 4 September - to include lunch and return coach transport from University	£50.00	£60.00	£35.00	£50.00	£60.00	£35.00
Non-residential 3 days: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday <i>(price per delegate for all 3 days)</i>	£450.00	£555.00	£225.00	£570.00	£720.00	£300.00
Day Delegate: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday	£150.00	£185.00	£75.00	£190.00	£240.00	£100.00
Bed and Breakfast: Sunday, Monday or Tuesday <i>(price per night)</i>	£65.00	£70.00	£65.00	£65.00	£70.00	£65.00
Evening Meals: Sunday, Monday or Tuesday Tuesday is the Conference garden party! <i>(price per meal)</i>	£35.00	£35.00	£35.00	£35.00	£35.00	£35.00
Packages						
Full residential 4 days: Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday plus Sunday Field Trip <i>(price per delegate for all 4 days with Bed and Breakfast)</i>	£690.00	£765.00	£690.00	£800.00	£900.00	£800.00
Residential 3 days: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday <i>(price per delegate for all 3 days with Bed and Breakfast)</i>	£600.00	£675.00	£600.00	£725.00	£825.00	£725.00

Cancellation: The full charge will be applied to any booking cancelled after 22 August.

To find out more and book your place visit:
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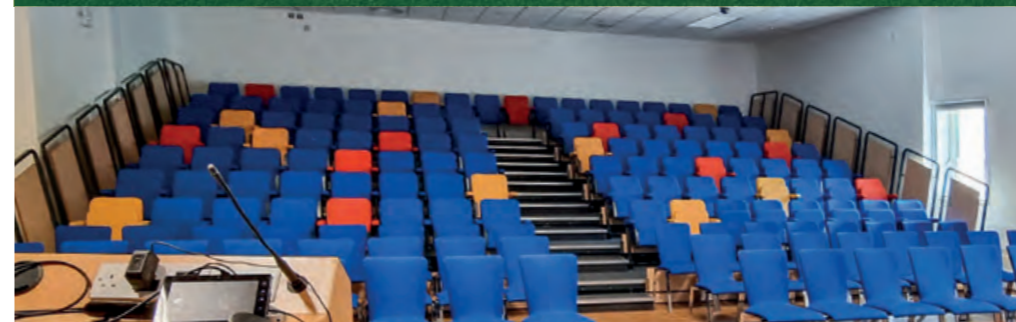
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SUNDAY FIELD TRIP

CALKE ABBEY NATIONAL TRUST ESTATE

THINKING ARBS DAY WITH TED GREEN

🕒 09:30 – 17:00

For the first time the Sunday conference field trip takes the form of one of our most popular series of events in recent years, the **Thinking Arbs Day** with Ted Green. The spectacular Calke Abbey National Trust Estate provides the perfect setting for an exciting day of tree discussion with the living legend himself.

The National Trust's Calke Estate encompasses over 600 acres of historic parkland, a third of which holds the important status of National Nature Reserve and Site of Special Scientific Interest. This ancient wood pasture and its historic avenues are home to over 650 veteran trees, 350 of which are considered ancient.

The 'Old Man of Calke' is the most well-known ancient veteran on the estate. At an estimated 1,200 years old, he certainly earns the title, but he's not alone: his neighbour, another English oak, is 900 years old.



After 2 years the UK's longest-running, internationally recognised arboriculture conference is back with a new venue and one of the most exciting programmes of speakers in its history. This year delegates will be able to enjoy a more varied format with each day split between lectures and workshops.

The title of the 2022 Amenity Conference is **What is a tree?** and it will be exploring this fundamental question through a wide range of activity. As well as presentations in the main lecture theatre and workshops led by internationally-renowned experts, we will celebrate our return to an in-person conference with plenty of social events and networking opportunities.

Within its exploration and discussion of the question 'What is a tree?' the conference will consider the concept of tree ecology, with the tree both as part of a wider ecosystem and as an ecosystem in its own right. For too long, urban and amenity trees were often viewed as existing in isolation – each an individual tree, perceived and managed as an individual unit. Over time we have come to appreciate that this is not the case. Trees are not only key elements of wider ecosystems, but can constitute ecosystems in their own right. Once, when asked the question 'What is a tree?' we might have replied with a dictionary definition – a tall plant with a wooden trunk and branches, or a woody perennial plant with an elongate main stem. We might have quoted Justice Cranston and responded that a tree is anything that would ordinarily be regarded as a tree. A tree is an assemblage of cells, arranged as roots, stem, fruit. We know that it can be far more complicated than this,

and that a simple answer is not easily given. We must consider tree ecology. What impact does our increasing understanding of how trees function have on our understanding of what a tree actually is? To what extent must fungi be considered part of a tree when we cannot always tell where the roots end and the

mycorrhizas begin? What about the soil and the microbes? The endophytes and epiphytes? What about all of the flora, fauna and funga which coexist with trees?



	Monday 5 th September	Tuesday 6 th September	Wednesday 7 th September
	Registration	Registration	Registration
08:00-08:30	Registration	Registration	Registration
08:30-08:40	WELCOME and Chair 1 introduction	WELCOME and Chair 3 introduction	WELCOME and Chair 5 introduction
08:40-09:10	 TED GREEN The Tree Ecologist	 JOHN GATHRIGHT Discovering the true value of trees: creating social heroes and better businesses	 LYNNE BODDY A tree is never just a tree
09:10-09:40	 STEFANIA GASPERINI Veteran trees: from technical to ethical arboriculture	 KEVIN FREDIANI Towards an innovative pedagogy of Tree Ecology	 SURESH RAMANAN Indian farmer's perception of trees
09:40-10:10	 NEVILLE FAY Rethinking the tree from the ground up – a philosophical approach	 NAOMI ZÜRCHER Grow a tree, grow a society: lessons from the forest	 FRANCESCO FERRINI How do trees respond to environmental stress? Biochemical and physiological aspects of urban trees' tolerance to climate extremes
10:10-10:40	 GEOFF MONCK The importance of the microbiome to tree resilience to pests, pathogens and environmental stresses and the key role its deterioration plays in tree decline	 MARK ROBERTS Outrage management: the art of de-catastrophising	 KAMIL WITKOS-GNATCH Trees of Białowieża Forest – a place where they can grow and die freely?
10:40-11:00	Questions	Questions	Questions
11:00-11:40	Break	Break	Break
11:40-11:45	Welcome and Chair 2 introduction	Welcome and Chair 4 introduction	Welcome and Chair 6 introduction
11:45-11:55	SPEED BRIEFING speaker TBC	SPEED BRIEFING speaker TBC	SPEED BRIEFING speaker TBC
11:55-12:25	 LORIEN NESBITT Holistic environmental justice for equitable urban forestry	 MARK BAYS Oklahoma City's Survivor Tree	 HOWELL DAVIES The development of the urban Ngahere Strategy for Auckland, New Zealand
12:25-12:55	 JESSICA QUINTON Wealthy, educated and... non-millennial? Inequitable patterns of proximity to urban vegetation in 31 Canadian cities	 PAUL MANDIBONDIBO The role of trees in belief, culture and tradition in Biak, Papua	 TAHIA DEVISSCHER Urban forests in Latin America: opportunities and challenges
12:55-13:25	 NANAMHLA GWEDLA The legacy of colonial and apartheid eras on the distribution, composition and representation of street trees in South Africa	 JILL BUTLER What is a tree? A tree is an historical document	 ROB NORTHROP What is a tree? A tale of three cities
13:25-13:45	Questions	Questions	Questions
13:45-15:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
15:00-17:00	PANEL DISCUSSION AND WORKSHOPS <i>Panel discussion: Tree ecology</i> with various speakers The Major Oak Gallery Tour with Reg Harris Research project: Noise in decision making with Jennifer Murray Tree planting: More than just numbers with Keith Sacre and Kenton Rogers Writing a tree strategy with Rob Northrop and Howell Davies	PANEL DISCUSSION AND WORKSHOPS <i>Panel discussion: Tree protection around the world</i> with various speakers The Major Oak Gallery Tour with Reg Harris Research project: Noise in decision making with Jennifer Murray Tree morphology walking tour with Stefania Gasperini and Giovanni Morelli Tree planting: More than just numbers with Keith Sacre and Kenton Rogers	PANEL DISCUSSION AND WORKSHOPS <i>Panel discussion: Green inequity</i> with Nanamhla Gwedla and Lorien Nesbitt The Major Oak Gallery Tour with Reg Harris Research project: Noise in decision making with Jennifer Murray Tree planting: More than just numbers with Keith Sacre and Kenton Rogers Writing a tree strategy with Rob Northrop and Howell Davies
17:00	CLOSE	CLOSE	CLOSE

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

SPEAKER WORKSHOP SESSIONS

New for this year are a series of special interactive workshop sessions, led by our speakers to bring you closer to the themes at the heart of the conference. These sessions, taking place each afternoon, will offer a refreshing change of pace to traditional conference formats and themes covered will include:

- Producing a tree strategy
- Tree ecology
- Green equity
- International perspectives on tree protection
- Tree morphology
- Tree planting targets

DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS YEAR'S FEATURES

- **Sunday Field Trip** at Calke Abbey with Ted Green
- **Exhibitor trade stands** from key industry suppliers
- **New interactive workshop session each day**
- **21 expert speakers** from around the world
- **Keep up-to-date** with the online delegate portal
- **Social events and networking**