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The Arboricultural Association and The Institute of Chartered Foresters present...

Tree Health Day

An update on the latest pests & diseases threatening our trees and how you can manage, plan and prepare for them.

31st March 2020
Royal Agricultural University
Cirencester, Gloucestershire

£50 per person – Limited places available



The **Arboricultural Association** and **Institute of Chartered Foresters** are pleased to present a collaborative event focused on tree pests and diseases.

Our first 'Tree Health Day' will provide you with the latest updates on key pests and diseases as well as information on how to manage, recognise and prepare biosecurity best practices for your organisation.

This event is relevant for all professionals working with trees and will help you to spot potential hazards

and enable them to pass that information on to the relevant authorities.

The Tree Health Day is also valuable for those who have a keen interest in ecology and want to broaden their knowledge on biosecurity.

Confirmed speakers include:



Ana Perez-Sierra

Forest Research, Head of Tree Health Diagnostic and Advisory Service

Chestnut blight: Managing and minimising the spread of *Cryphonectria parasitica*

Sweet chestnut blight was first identified in the UK in 2011 in Warwickshire. Recently, as part of ongoing surveillance activity by Forestry Commission and APHA, new outbreak sites have been detected in London, Buckinghamshire, Derbyshire, West Sussex, Devon and Cornwall and infection appears to have re-emerged on several sites previously subject to statutory destruction measures. Surveillance is ongoing at new and historic sites to determine the extent of the disease, with a view to remove infected trees where possible.



John Parker

Technical Director, The Arboricultural Association

Canker Stain of Plane

John has more than ten years of experience in public sector tree management and from 2012-2019 was a member of the Executive Committee of the London Tree Officers Association, which he Chaired in 2016-18, and until 2019 was a Director of the National Association of Tree Officers.

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Nicola Cannon

*Associate Professor in Agriculture,
Royal Agricultural University*

Biosecurity in Agriculture

Nicola Cannon is a dedicated educator and researcher. As an agronomist she understands the challenges of arable cropping systems and the complex issues that impact on yield and quality of crops. Nicola has a strong appreciation of the current research needs of the agricultural community and also the challenges of adoption by having a strong agricultural background and professional understanding.

annual conference in 2016 and 2019. He recently completed his PhD assessing drought and variation in drought tolerance within the Acer genus. His role now includes managing the Bartlett research and diagnostic laboratory; keeping Bartlett representatives informed and updated of recent developments in tree pests and diseases, management and maintenance.



Greg Packman

*Senior Tree Inspector, London
Borough of Islington*

Massaria Disease of Plane

Greg has an unparalleled experience into the management, identification and development of Massaria having undertaken at least 40,000 ground based inspections during his previous role as Arboricultural Officer at The Royal Parks.



Jon Banks

*Plant Diagnostician, Bartlett Tree
Experts*

Bartlett Tree Research Laboratories

Jon Banks is a researcher for the Bartlett Tree Expert Company Ltd. He has been involved in Bartlett research and diagnostics at the University of Reading since 2010. He is vice chair of the Research Advisory Committee for the charity Fund4Trees and a member of the London Tree Officer's Associations Biosecurity Working Party.

He has presented his research at numerous conferences including two presentations at the International Urban Tree Diversity Conference in Alnarp, Sweden and a keynote address at the 2018 Myerscough research conference; in addition, he spoke at the Arboriculture Association's

Jim McConkie

Head Forester, Longleat

David Abrahams

Arboricultural Supervisor, Longleat

Managing pests and diseases at the Longleat Estate

Jim and David will be talking about the pests and diseases challenges they face in their work at the Longleat estate, from both a forestry and landscape park perspective.

14:00–15:00

OPM spraying demonstration

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