



Tree Frontiers News

A newsletter that helps keep you abreast of interesting facts and information from the world of arboriculture and related industries

Four years. This is the sentence for the two men who felled the sycamore gap tree. While many welcomed the sentencing, people have raised questions as to whether this is sufficient, or whether it is even proportionate as it is a longer sentence than other offenders have received for what many believe are more serious crimes.

Regardless of the outcome of the trial, we suspect that this won't be the last time that an act like this receives national coverage. The story has raised many questions over the statutory protection measures afforded to important trees and a recent [BBC Article](#) highlights these concerns. While we would support greater protection of some of the UK's most important trees, we would echo some of the comments in the article, that the emphasis needs to be on educating people and ensuring that the true value of trees is understood and appreciated.

Fortunately it's not all doom and gloom and there have been some positive tree related stories recently. [An oak tree has been saved](#) despite ongoing concerns from insurers relating to subsidence. Plus, we're pleased to share the outcomes of outdoor workshops on a large-scale development scheme that we have been involved in - more on this in the articles below.



New report highlights the value of off-site BNG

New research on Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) identifies opportunities for how it could be strengthened to deliver even greater benefits for nature, developers and communities.

The report identifies that a strategic shift toward off-site BNG would unlock greater biodiversity gains, reduce costs for developers, and support the UK's ambitions to lead in nature markets and green finance.

[See Key Findings](#)



The first integrated arboriculture degree apprenticeship program launched

We are always promoting the arboricultural sector and therefore delighted to see that from September, the Level 6 Professional Arboriculturist Apprenticeship, integrated with a BSc (Hons) in Arboriculture and Urban Forestry, will be available. This marks a significant milestone in [Myerscough College](#)'s long-standing commitment to land-based education and apprenticeships.

Designed in collaboration with industry leaders and employers, this four year online apprenticeship ensures that graduates are equipped with the skills, knowledge and behaviours required to thrive in the arboriculture and urban forestry sectors.

Find out more



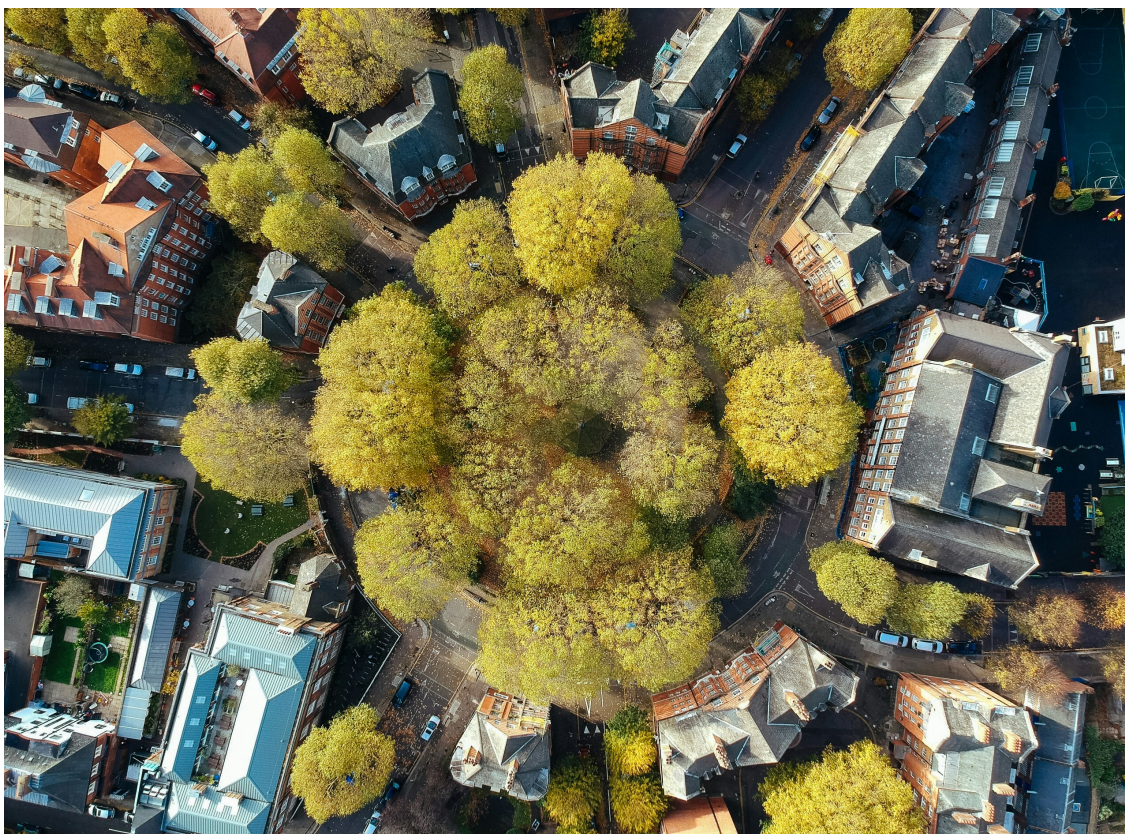
Rare tree to flower for the 6th time in 100 years

A rare tree at a garden in West Sussex is to flower for only the sixth time in almost 100 years.

The 97-year-old *Emmenopterys henryi* at Borde Hill, near Haywards Heath, is preparing to bloom for the first time since 2021.

The "rare and spectacular botanical event" is a result of the early heatwaves, a spokesperson for the gardens said.

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Urban Tree Mortality Investigation

While urban trees offer numerous environmental benefits, some people view them as nuisances due to ecosystem disservices like smelly flowers, messy fruit, leaf litter, and damage to infrastructure. Because some trees are protected under ordinances or are owned by someone else, some people resort to covert methods to eliminate them. To assist arborists in identifying these clandestine practices, the International Society of Arboriculture investigated YouTube videos that suggest methods for secretly killing trees.

[Read more](#)



£10.7m awarded to help the UK's first net zero national park

The National Lottery Heritage Fund has awarded £10.7 million to the Cairngorms National Park Authority to deliver Cairngorms 2030, a programme that will inspire people and communities in the National Park to take action and tackle the nature and climate crisis.

The programme brings together 20 long-term projects on nature restoration, active travel and sustainable transport, community development and health and wellbeing. Together, they will help the Cairngorms become the UK's first net zero national park.

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A guide to managing woodland SSSIs and ancient woodland with ash dieback

This document provides management advice to anybody with responsibility for the management of ash in Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) woodlands.

It also acts as a reference to help guide consistent decisions by government officials who administer SSSI regulations concerning these woods.

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Outdoor workshops recognise a historic Tree Frontiers project

We're delighted to see trees receiving the recognition they deserve while we work with the design team on a scheme that we have been involved in for the last 14 years, to ensure that key trees are incorporated into the development proposals.

[Company, Place](#) were commissioned to run free, two-hour outdoor mark-making and walking workshops that explored our relationship with trees and ways we can observe them.

Led by artist [Alastair Kwan](#) and nature writer [Jo Sinclair](#) the session covered knowledge on local trees and animal homes within the ecosystem, alongside the process of recording the environment through taking rubbings.

The sessions highlighted the importance of trees not just as part of the landscape, but as connectors between people, place, and memory. From the ancient Veteran Oak to new saplings, trees became both material and metaphor—tools to unlock curiosity, conversation, and creative expression.

[Read More](#)[See the original project](#)

Consent granted for Lygon Arms development

Planning consent has been granted for a revised proposal at The Lygon Arms in Broadway. The updated plans retain more of the existing trees and include an extensive replanting scheme to complement the existing tree stock, ensuring long-term amenity value on this site.

Case Study



We're Hiring - Arboricultural Consultant

With an increase in demand across a wide range of sites, we are looking to appoint a qualified and experienced arboricultural consultant on a full-time, permanent basis.

While experience is a desirable quality, we are focused on finding the right person for the job - someone driven, forward thinking and pragmatic, has an ability to interpret as well as listen, and for whom high quality delivery is normal.

The role is varied as our consultants are involved in every stage of a project, from preparing the brief, carrying out the survey, drafting reports and plans and working with the wider project teams. Take a look at the job spec below, and we're happy to chat through the role on 01608 692705.

[See the full job spec](#)



We want your feedback

We are in the process of updating our website, and it would be fantastic to include some fresh feedback from our lovely clients.

So, whether you've met us at an event, invited us to speak at your school, asked us to provide CPD training onsite, or you've used our services – we'd love to hear from you!

Google Reviews



Tree of the month

Our tree this month has a misleading name, but is nevertheless a pretty, ornamental tree introduced to this country from Asia. It bears its seeds like strings of green pearls, can you identify it?

What Tree?



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