



Tree Frontiers News

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

As the evenings start to draw in the trees begin their annual display of beautiful autumn hues – tinges of reds and golds are emerging, and the inevitable dropping of the leaves begins. On a crisp, sunny day there is something wonderful about a long walk through the countryside, shuffling the leaves with your feet, although given the current state of the weather this may be more of a wade than a shuffle!

This month the BS 5837 consultation comes to a close, finalising a long-overdue revision of their guidance on trees in relation to design, development and construction. We reviewed this last month and you can catch up on our thoughts on this by following the link in the newsletter below.

Also released recently was the National Tree Safety Group's (NTSG) second edition of its Common Sense Risk Management of Trees. Originally published in 2011, this comprehensive guidance has been updated to align better with changes in the position of the Health and Safety Executive regarding the separation between criminal and civil law liability. The second edition is still based on the same five principles as the original, but now discusses tree risk management in relation to these two contrasting starting points.

Perhaps the most exciting news this month however is the Tree Frontiers team entry into the Oxford Half Marathon! In just a few days' time we will tackle this challenge, and would certainly prefer a bright, sunny day for it rather than any more rain. We are hoping to reach our fundraising target of £1,000 by the end of the week, so if any more of you (thanks to those who already have!) are able to sponsor us we'd be delighted.

We are raising funds for Tiny Forest, who create forest environments in small urban spaces, thereby bringing all the benefits that trees can provide to areas that need them most. They have a goal of 600 Tiny Forests across the UK by 2030. Please help us help them achieve this goal by making a "Tiny" charitable contribution on our [JustGiving](#) page.



Spruce tree planting restricted in parts of UK

Planting of spruce trees in parts of East Anglia and South East England is to be restricted as part of additional new measures announced by the Forestry Commission today (Tuesday 8 October) following further findings this season of [Ips typographus](#), also known as the eight-toothed spruce bark beetle.

The new restrictions come after further findings this year, including the first UK finding of Ips typographus on Sitka spruce [in July](#), and are part of the continued action being taken to limit the spread of the beetle and protect our nation's trees, forestry and timber industries.

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Draft BS5837 Consultation Closes

For any in the arboricultural industry that have not yet registered comments on the draft of BS5837 have until 16th October.

Feedback is vital in ensuring that the documents serves the needs of arboricultural consultants and tree officers.

Comment on BS5837

Read Tree Frontiers review of the Draft



New tree pest alert in the UK

The Forestry Commission has confirmed findings of the plane lace bug (*Corythucha Ciliata*) tree pest in Central London and Kent over the last few weeks.

A native to North America and now widespread across mainland Europe. The plane lace bugs are tiny hitch hikers that can get around on cars, clothes and bags.

They weaken and damage plane trees by sucking their sap, and make trees susceptible to other pests and diseases that can cause death in combination with fungal infections.

They have also been reported to bite people, causing a mild rash.

The Forestry Commission has asked anyone to report any suspected findings via their online portal [TreeAlert](#).

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The THP scheme update

The tree health pilot (THP) scheme grants are open for owners and managers of trees or woodlands in England. The latest updates include guidance for the oak processionary moth (OPM) grant.

The scheme aims to slow the spread of pests and diseases affecting trees by providing funding to contribute to the cost of agent advice and training, responses to a Statutory Plant Health Notice (SPHN) and improving the ability to identify and deal with tree health issues.

Find out if you're eligible

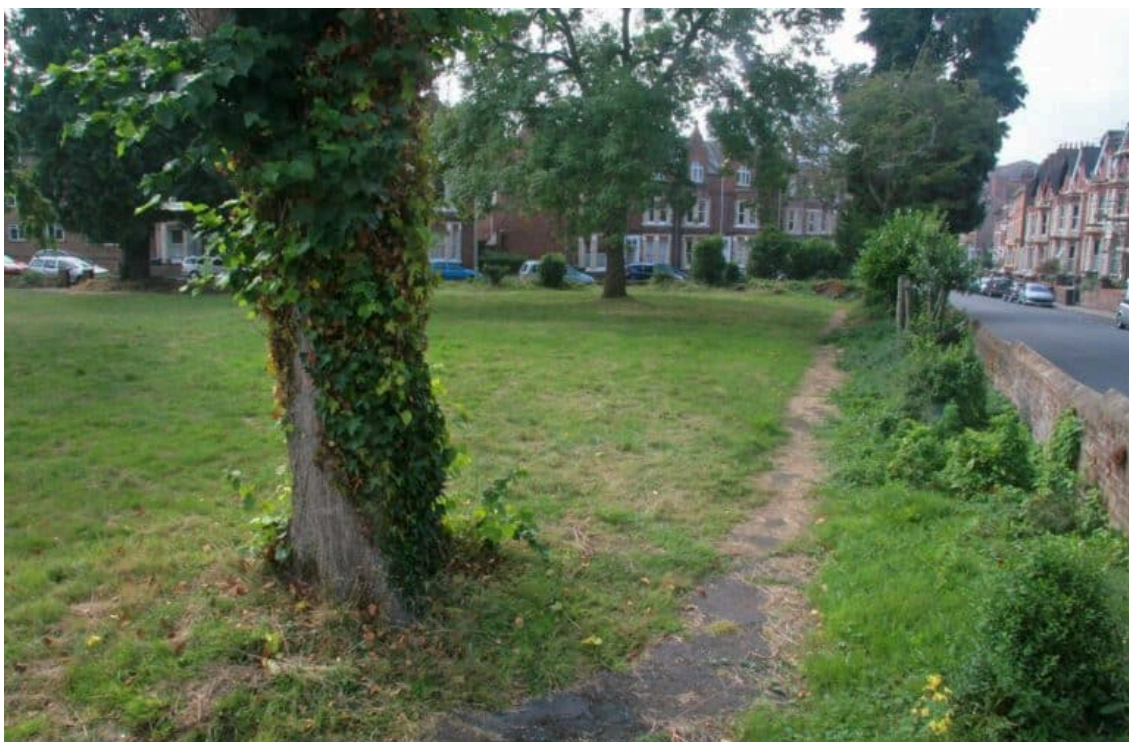


Secrets of Scotland's plant species revealed

Scientists are unlocking the genetic secrets of some of Scotland's favourite plant species that will bring an understanding of how plants adapt in the face of environmental change.

The Darwin Tree of Life (DTOL) project is an initiative that aims to sequence the genomes of all 72,000 plants, animals, fungi and other living organisms across the UK and Ireland.

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"Where are our green spaces going?"

Open Spaces Society has expressed its concern over the government's revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

Case officer Nicola Hodgson has responded to the consultation with "The government misses the opportunity to improve the process for creating and managing LGS, which can only be designated when a local plan is being reviewed or a neighbourhood plan progressed. This severely restricts the opportunity to use the designation and to protect much-loved open space."

Support OSS



Has the solution to carbon capture been found?

Keynote speaker at the RHS Greener Cities Symposium, Professor Fraser Torpy, introduced a new green wall concept that could be the ultimate solution to urban air pollution.

The Junglify breathing wall is different from a typical green wall as it has hidden fans in the plants' foliage - through moving air through the plants' root system the natural process of bio-filtration is accelerated and more pollutants are removed from the air, faster.

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Calls to withdraw the Oxford Local Plan 2024

Local Plan Inspectors have recommended the council withdraw the Local Plan 2040. The letter to the council explained that they considered a failure of duty to cooperate and that surrounding districts should have been more involved with the technical study into our housing need.

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[See a summary of the key points raised](#)



Opportunity to request a Sycamore Gap sapling

A partnership jointly led by the National Trust and Northumberland National Park Authority and Historic England have been working to find inspiring ways to continue the legacy of the iconic Sycamore Gap tree.

The 'Trees of Hope' initiative offers people around the UK the opportunity to request one of the 49 Sycamore Tree saplings (one to represent each foot of the felled tree). It's hoped the saplings will be planted in a publically accessible space so that people can engage with the Sycamore Gap Tree and its story.

The competition is open to individuals, groups and organisations and terms apply. Entries must be made on the entry form before 23:59 on 25 October 2024.

More details



BNG - restoring biodiversity at scale

Scientists have issued an urgent warning that action is needed this decade to reshape the future of humanity. Landscape Institute Campus hosted a lively discussion on restoring biodiversity and habitats, posing the questions 'How do we swiftly shift from Earth's exploiters to its dedicated stewards?' and 'How can we support the living world to rejuvenate expeditiously?'

Replay their lively discussion below.

Watch the discussion



Japanese planting method sees a higher survival rate for trees

Urban trees planted in poor quality soil using a method inspired by a Japanese botanist return higher survival rates than standard approaches, which could make it more cost-effective to establish trees, according to new trial results.

The 'Trees Outside Woodland' project, a partnership led by The Tree Council, Defra, and Natural England seeks to identify cost-effective methods that could be adopted by local authorities to increase tree canopy cover in England.

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Keep us running at the Oxford Half

This weekend on 13 October, we'll be taking to the streets of Oxford in our Team Tree Frontiers first Half Marathon.

We have been training hard on our local streets, along beaches, around lakes and up some unexpected hills! Steve even managed a quick run around Blenheim Palace grounds on the way back from meetings in Oxford.

As there are just a few days to go, we'd like to thank our sponsors to date. If you have not yet sponsored us we would love it if you could show your support for our efforts by donating to our chosen charity, Tiny Forest. Part of the Earthwatch charity, this small endeavour recreates natural forest environments in urban settings, providing all the environmental benefits that these ecosystems generate as well as an outdoor learning resource for everyone to enjoy.

They have a goal of 600 Tiny Forests across the UK by 2030. Please help us help them achieve this goal by making a "Tiny" charitable contribution on our [JustGiving](#) page.

Make a contribution



Fantastic Firewalk Feedback

Steve (along with members of OpenDoorz) recently undertook a firewalking challenge in aid of the Chipping Norton Theatre's community programme. Their projects use art and drama to create real, positive change by supporting mental health and promoting inclusion for those who are disadvantaged or marginalised.

The event was a huge success and the group has raised over £2,000! A huge thank you to our sponsors to date.

Help Chipping Norton Theatre



Case Study - Advanced Tree Condition Assessment

Tree Frontiers were approached by a private client who was seeking advice regarding the health and general condition of three trees located within her garden. We carried out an advanced tree condition assessment in order to provide the client with a long-term management strategy for these trees.

[Read the full Case Study](#)



Tree of the month

Our tree this month is steeped in history and folklore, often symbolising wisdom and inspiration. Its bendy stems are often used in basket-making, and you'll most often encounter it as a coppice.

What Tree?



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