



# Newsletter – March 2026

## TDAG ONLINE SEMINARS – ALL FREE TO ATTEND

Our next seminar will be held on Zoom on 22<sup>nd</sup> April from 2-4pm BST on

### Designing with trees – Part 2: below ground challenges

Register for free here: <https://bham-ac-uk.zoom.us/meeting/register/3xYxYuM8Tsm2gc19cMGAHA>

### Past online seminars

You can find all the recordings, presentations and chat here:

<https://www.tdag.org.uk/past-events.html>

You can also go to our YouTube page if you just want to see the recording:

<https://www.youtube.com/@treesanddesignactiongroup7020>

## TDAG stand at Futurebuild 12-14 May at ExCel London

Please let Sue James know if you would like to do a one-hour stint on the TDAG stand.

We have gaps on the following days:

12<sup>th</sup> May: 12.30-1.30 and 1.30-2.30

13<sup>th</sup> May: 11.30-12.30

14<sup>th</sup> May: 12.30-1.30

1.30-2.30

2.30-3.00

Let me know if you would like to take part: [Sue.jamesriba@gmail.com](mailto:Sue.jamesriba@gmail.com)

**Tree walk:** Tony Kirkham and Kenton Rogers will lead a local tree walk around ExCel on 12<sup>th</sup> May and will also have copies of their updated Tree Manual for sale – your chance to get a signed copy!

If you are at Futurebuild, then meet at the TDAG stand at 12.15. If not, then meet outside the ExCel Custom House (western entrance) at 12.30.

There will be **two TDAG seminars** one on 13 May 11.30-12.15 on

**“Urban trees - biodiversity value, climate resilience and canopy cover – what we need to know**

and one on 14 May 13.30-14.15 on

**“Integrating Trees and Buildings - they don’t have to be in conflict!”**

Entry to Futurebuild is free. Register here:

<https://register.visitcloud.com/survey/3cth5gbf99ne5?actioncode=3166>

## SURVEYS

### Trees People and the Built Environment 6!

**What do you want to see from Trees, People, and the Built Environment 6?**

June 2027 (date TBC) | Birmingham

### Theme: **Urban tree challenges – what practice needs and what research tells us**

The Trees and Design Action Group with the ICF, Forest Research and The Mersey Forest are looking ahead to TPBE6 and co-design is high on our agenda to develop an event that is informative across the trees and built and natural environment professions. Our vision is to explore five priority topics through the lens of delivery and research to build knowledge and confidence for a healthy sustainable and expanded urban treescape.

Please complete [this short survey](#), which explores your appetite for such a conference day, seeks your views on which topics are of greatest interest to your profession, and which scenarios you would like to see played out for that real world perspective.

### **Concerns about trees and the law**

One of the most watched seminars from 2025 was about tree protection, but there are wider issues relating to tree law. We are planning a seminar to take place online on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2026 to discuss legal issues relating to trees 'in plain English'.

To identify the most useful topics to cover, we would appreciate it, if you could complete this short survey.

[Concerns about trees and the law – Fill in form](#)

### **JOBS**

Trees for Cities is looking for a new Chair. Details are here:

<https://www.charityjob.co.uk/volunteer-jobs/trees-for-cities/chair-of-trustees/1056675>

### **BSI 8640 – special offer for TDAG members**

The BSI is offering a reduction of 15% to purchase BS 8640. The offer is open until 20<sup>th</sup> June 2026. The code is:

To benefit from it, visit [BS 8640:2025 | 13 Oct 2025 | BSI Knowledge](#) and use promo code **BS8640TREE** at checkout.

### **EVENTS BY OTHERS**

#### **Action Oak: The State of the UK's Oaks – 17 March 2pm online**

The findings of a recent report.

Register here:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_RyAaAp\\_EQ72AY8DxX2VpdQ#/registration](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_RyAaAp_EQ72AY8DxX2VpdQ#/registration)

#### **LGIF and LNRS launch webinar 23 March online**

The London Green Infrastructure Framework and the London Nature Recovery Strategy Find out more about the LNRS and LGIF and how you can use these new tools.

Date: Monday 23 March

Time: 11am – 12pm

[Register here](#)

If you have any issues registering, please contact [LGIF@london.gov.uk](mailto:LGIF@london.gov.uk)

#### **Landscape Institute National Housing and Regeneration Conference 26 March in Cardiff**

Exploring landscape led approaches to housing development and regeneration from a Welsh perspective.

[National Housing and Regeneration Conference](#)

#### **Arboricultural Association Green Equity Symposium 13 and 14 April, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.**

This will explore equitable access to, and governance of, trees and green spaces. We have a range of international academics presenting their research, as well as some examples from

around the UK to demonstrate how green equity can be worked towards in practice. There is more information, including details about how to book, here: <https://www.trees.org.uk/Training-Events/Green-Equity-Symposium-2026>

#### **futurebuild + National Construction Week 12-14 May at ExCel, London**

These two events will now run in tandem, each with their own identity but with admission to one also providing admission to the other. There will be a TDAG stand and two TDAG seminars on the Placemaking Stage. Tony Kirkham and Kenton Rogers will lead a local tree walk on 12<sup>th</sup> May from 12.30-13.30.

The **knowledge programme is available here:**

<https://www.futurebuild.co.uk/knowledge-programme>

#### **Urban Tree Festival 9-17<sup>th</sup> May London and UK wide**

The Urban Tree Festival is an annual community celebration of trees, including their benefits, beauty, majesty, and magic, in cities, towns and all urban environments. Events, celebrations, walks, talks and storytelling are held across London and the UK, bringing all our communities together to educate, inspire and share their enjoyment of trees.

Put forward your suggested event here:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSemk\\_fKgc9gtUpyQFZfiU043ovDt4SPW-apHR2fpZyxmEz\\_Tg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSemk_fKgc9gtUpyQFZfiU043ovDt4SPW-apHR2fpZyxmEz_Tg/viewform) and find further details here: <https://urbantreefestival.org/>

#### **ICF National Conference 19-20 May in Caerleon, South Wales**

**Innovation for a resilient tomorrow – reimagining forestry and arboriculture**

Registration end date is 5<sup>th</sup> May and early bird saving available until 27 February.

<https://charteredforesters.org/event/national-conference-2026-innovation-for-a-resilient-tomorrow-reimagining-forestry-arboriculture>

#### **CIHT National Conference 21 May in London**

##### **Roads to Net Zero**

The next 10 years will see the future vision of the highways and transport sector in the UK being defined as the new government sets out its plan on how we deliver growth and decarbonisation whilst addressing the challenges of climate change.

<https://www.ciht.org.uk/event/ciht-national-conference/>

#### **Trees and Development 2026: putting nature at the heart of urban design and planning. 17 June 9.30-4.30 at the University of Stirling, Scotland**

Following on from a successful 2023 conference, this one-day event will bring together the people shaping Scotland's next generation of greener, climate resilient urban spaces

<https://charteredforesters.org/event/trees-and-development-2026>

#### **Arboricultural Association Conference 7-9 September 2026 at Lancaster University**

The call for abstracts will be announced shortly.

Enquiries can be directed to [conference@trees.org.uk](mailto:conference@trees.org.uk)

#### **Futurescape 13-14 October, Farnborough**

<https://www.futurescapeevent.com/>

#### **10<sup>th</sup> Healthy City Design International Congress 20-21 October, Salford**

The programme embeds health and climate-resilience at the heart of city developments locally, nationally and globally.

Details are here: <https://www.healthycitydesign.global/>

#### **Town and Country Planning Association Annual Conference 28 November, London**

Details to follow.

## CONSULTATIONS

**NPPF and DPPP** – the TDAG responses to the National Planning Policy Framework and Design and Placemaking Planning Practice Guidance have been submitted and are on the TDAG website.

## AWARDS

### Landscape Institute

The Awards are now open for submissions until 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026:

<https://landscapeinstitute.org/awards/>

## RESEARCH ROUND-UP: IMPLICATIONS FOR PRACTITIONERS

### A reminder to researchers to submit and share your work with practice.

Send us a 200-word overview of a completed project or completed output/thing to look at/read/use outlining why it is relevant to those working with trees in the urban environment along with a link to the research itself for those who want to know more!

Complete this form to have your research included in a future TDAG newsletter:

<https://forms.office.com/e/HA5t0rqq0A>

Research outcomes in a TDAG newsletter will be moved to the Research section of the TDAG website for future reference <https://www.tdag.org.uk/research.html>

### This month's research submissions:

No submissions were received this month. Do please submit if you have some research that would be of interest to the wider TDAG membership.

## NEW PUBLICATIONS AND INFORMATION FROM OTHERS

With thanks to the Natural Cambridge Partnership, TCPA, GI Partnership, Urban Design Group, the Reclaim Network, and others.

### Update of NJUG 4

The updated Street Works UK Volume 4 on trees and utilities has now been published.

[Street-Works-UK-Publications-Volume-4-Issue-3-2026.pdf](#)

This paper in *Urban Forestry and Greening* of 2019 examines the conflicts between tree roots and infrastructure.

[Responses of mature roadside trees to root severance treatments](#)

### England Ecosystem Survey (December 2025)

The England Ecosystem Survey is a project delivered by Natural England with the goal of delivering a comprehensive and up to date understanding of the condition of England's terrestrial environment and natural capital assets.

Details: <https://publications.naturalengland.org.uk/publication/5610689568440320>

and **Defra's Natural Capital and Ecosystem Assessment**

<https://environment.data.gov.uk/natural-capital-ecosystem-assessment/about>

## SOCIAL MEDIA

Just a reminder that TDAG now has two social media accounts (we decided to delete the Twitter/X account):

- BlueSky <https://bsky.app/profile/tdagtalktree.bsky.social>
- LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/the-trees-and-design-action-group-trust/>

Let us know of any events, publications, or other matters of interest to share!

Sue, Emma and Dee for the Trees and Design Action Group