



Newsletter – May 2026

TDAG Events

Our May seminars were held in person at Futurebuild

Both seminars were really well attended – standing room only! They were recorded (voice over slides) and will be on the Futurebuild website in early June along with filmed recordings of the Arena and Retrofit conferences. (www.futurebuild.co.uk)

Forthcoming seminars both online and in person

All our events organized by TDAG or in association with others, are on our Events page: <https://www.tdag.org.uk/events.html>

Our next online seminars are:

10 June: Getting it right for trees – Part 1 – getting back to basics

[Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

15 July: Getting it right for trees – Part 2 – monitoring and evaluation to support establishment and growth.

https://bham-ac-uk.zoom.us/meeting/register/aYN1EnHEQAGp_pWrZKL2JQ

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>

Trees and Development: putting nature at the heart of urban design and planning, 17 June at the University of Stirling

Co-curated by Future Woodlands Scotland, the Institute of Chartered Foresters and the Trees and Design Action Group, this conference invites audience participation as it explores the importance of early and sustained collaboration between planners, designers, developers, arboriculturists and engineers in improving outcomes for trees. A modest delegate fee of £60 is charged to cover the venue and refreshments.

Details and booking here:

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

OFFERS

BSI 8640 – special offer for TDAG members

The BSI is offering a reduction of 15% to purchase BS 8640. The offer is open until 20th 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

Urban Design Group Conference 5 June Lewes

More Homes, Better Places

<https://www.udg.org.uk/events/2026/more-homes-better-places>

New introduction to Urban Greening CPD Course. 23 – 25 June, University of the West of England.

The Centre for Sustainable Planning and Environments at the University of the West of England has launched a new CPD course to support professionals in addressing the challenges of biodiversity loss, climate change and poor population health by developing their understanding of how green infrastructure can be integrated into urban environments. This 3-day course introduces participants to the principles, functions and applications of green infrastructure, exploring what it is, where it should be applied and how to use it effectively in real-world planning and design contexts. More information and registration can be found here: <https://courses.uwe.ac.uk/Z51000230/introduction-to-urban-greening>

WOODBUILD 2026. 30 June-01 July, University of South Wales Trefforest Campus, Pontypridd.

Responsible Timber Futures through policy and practice

How can public buildings and housing serve as a catalyst for a more resilient forest landscape. In turn, how can resilient forests support the creation of healthy, energy-efficient, and affordable homes? And how can policy strengthen a resilient value chain that sustains both thriving forest landscapes and high-quality affordable housing. These big questions frame the focus of this year's conference.

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

Futurescape 13-14 October, Farnborough

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

10th 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

Responses from TDAG are on the website either in 'News' or 'Resources' -

<https://www.tdag.org.uk/resources.html>

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/HA5t0rqg0A>

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.

A Well-Adapted UK. Climate Change Committee (May 2026)

<https://www.theccc.org.uk/publication/a-well-adapted-uk/>

Two articles from the *Guardian* provide a short read!

https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2026/may/20/uk-built-for-climate-that-no-longer-exists-and-needs-urgent-changes-to-survive-global-heating-report-warns?CMP=GTUK_email and

<https://www.theguardian.com/science/2026/may/20/britain-must-think-like-a-hot-country-otherwise-inequalities-will-only-grow>

Parasol Lost: Recovery plan needed. Report by the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries and the University of Exeter.

This report warns that global temperatures are accelerating faster than predicted and there is now the strong likelihood of reading 2° before 2030.

<https://actuaries.org.uk/news-and-media-releases/news-articles/2026/jan/14-jan-26-parasol-lost-recovery-plan-needed/>

Framework for a Nature Positive Build Environment. UK Green Building Council

<https://ukgbc.org/our-work/topics/framework-for-a-nature-positive-built-environment/>

Our Land: who owns the countryside? New documentary explores the access divide in England and Wales

<https://tinyurl.com/mps8k5ju>

On the Edge: what we're asking for. CPRE

<https://www.cpre.org.uk/on-the-edge/what-were-asking-for/>

Evidence for nature recovery. UK Parliament April 2026

<https://researchbriefings.files.parliament.uk/documents/POST-PN-0767/POST-PN-0767.pdf>

Nature-based flood and drought resilience. UK Parliament May 2026

<https://researchbriefings.files.parliament.uk/documents/POST-PN-0768/POST-PN-0768.pdf>

Indicators of species abundance in England. Defra, April 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/indicators-of-species-abundance-in-england/indicators-of-species-abundance-in-england>

Here's what we know about the climate cost of white trails aircraft leave in the sky

<https://theconversation.com/heres-what-we-know-about-the-climate-cost-of-white-trails-aircraft-leave-in-the-sky-279505>

New high-resolution soil maps will support on-farm decision making

...and useful information for spatial detail. Uk Centre for Ecology and Hydrology.

Restoring ash trees: the fast-track tree breeding method that is restoring ash to the landscape. John Innes Centre

<https://www.jic.ac.uk/press-release/the-fast-track-tree-breeding-method-that-is-restoring-ash-to-the-landscape/>

2026 Europe report of the *Lancet* Countdown on health and climate change: narrowing window for decisive health action
[https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS2468-2667\(26\)00025-3/fulltext](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS2468-2667(26)00025-3/fulltext)

Can houseplants really purify the air in your home? What the science actually says
<https://tinyurl.com/ms6ra2v5>

New Chair for the Office of Environmental Protection - Dame Helen Ghosh
<https://committees.parliament.uk/publications/52881/documents/295070/default/>

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