



Trees & Design  
Action Group

# Newsletter – November 2024

## TDAG REQUESTS

### Seminar topics for 2025:

Please let us know if there are any topics that you would like to see discussed and also if you would like to take part. Email: [sue.jamesriba@gmail.com](mailto:sue.jamesriba@gmail.com)

## TDAG ONLINE SEMINARS – ALL FREE TO ATTEND

**Our last online seminar for the year was held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2024 on “When is tree protection not tree protection?”**

You can find the recording, presentations and chat here:

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

## TDAG PUBLICATIONS

**Canopy Cover Part 2:** Deanne Brettle is working on the second part of our canopy cover first steps which focuses on site assessments.

**Trees and noise:** Forest Research is preparing a *First Steps* guide on trees and noise.

Both will be on the TDAG website when published and will be included in seminars in 2025.

**Species Guide and Biodiversity:** We are also very grateful to Barratt Redrow for providing significant funding towards adding biodiversity information to our species guide. This will be led by Andrew Hirons, Henrik Sjoman and the team at the Urban Plant Lab. The programme is planned to run until October/November 2025.

## TDAG EVENTS

### Futurebuild 4-6 March 2025 at ExCel, London

We will have a TDAG stand in the Placemaking area of the show which is donated by Futurebuild and supported by MHCLG, Forestry Commission, Arboricultural Association, Landscape Institute and six partners - Forest Research, Fund4Trees, GLA, National Trust, The Mersey Forest and the Woodland Trust.

We will have a TDAG seminar on the Placemaking Impact Stage on 5<sup>th</sup> March from 14.30-15.15.

Please let Sue James know if you would like to do a stint on the stand itself. An hour or so is helpful and the overall show and knowledge programme is worth attending.

Futurebuild is free to attend – you just need to register here:

<https://register.visitcloud.com/survey/2kggie2c4dmmd>

## EVENTS BY OTHERS

### Arboricultural Association Wednesday webinars

These will start at the end of October and run to March 2025 and you can earn CPD points.

All details are here: <https://www.trees.org.uk/Training-Events/Webinars>

## **SOME CURRENT TDAG ACTIVITIES**

### **National House Building Council (NHBC)**

We are still working with the NHBC Foundation with a view to updating NHBC Standards Chapter 4.2 (<https://www.nhbc.co.uk/builders/products-and-services/techzone/nhbc-standards> )

### **Guide for Community Group Tree Planting with the National Trust for the Urban Forest Accelerator**

This is a partnership project between the National Trust, Woodland Trust, and Community Forest Trust. It is designed to respond to local councils and communal needs, by improving urban green-space through the encouragement of tree planting, communications, and community engagement. The final reports are due for publication towards the end of November and will be available on:

### **BS 5837 Review**

**BS 5837:** The consultation closed on 16<sup>th</sup> October with over 2000 comments. These are now being reviewed before they go to the B/213 Trees Committee. There is currently no date fixed for the publication of the final document.

## **NEW PUBLICATIONS AND INFORMATION**

Managing highway run-off pollution

<https://hiwwt.org.uk/events/2024-11-19-managing-highway-runoff-pollution-rivers>

Myths of wildlife gardening

<https://www.rhs.org.uk/science/articles/wildlife-gardening-myths>

The cost of extreme weather events

<https://iccwbo.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2024/11/2024-ICC-Oxera-The-economic-cost-of-extreme-weather-events.pdf>

How microbes can help against climate change

<https://asm.org/magazine/2023/spring/climate-change-experts-microbes-to-protect-planet>

Adaptation Gap Report 2024

<https://www.unep.org/resources/adaptation-gap-report-2024>

Why did the leaves stay on the trees so late?

<https://theconversation.com/autumn-leaves-are-staying-green-for-longer-in-britain-heres-why-243224>

## **MANY THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND LOOK FORWARD TO CARRYING ON OUR COLLABORATIVE WORK ON URBAN TREES IN 2025!**

This is our last newsletter for the year and so we would like to thank everyone who has contributed to TDAG over the last 12 months.

It is early, but all best wishes for Christmas and what could be an 'interesting' new year.

Sue, Emma and Dee

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