

PAST EVENT RECORDINGS

TDAG SEMINAR HELD ON 21 MAY 2024

The presentations, recording and meeting 'chat' are on the TDAG website under 'PAST EVENTS' along with our other past events:

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

TREES, PEOPLE AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT 5 HELD on 23-24 APRIL 2024

Considered a very successful and truly collaborative event hosted by the ICF on behalf of the many partners, the presentations and recordings from this conference can be accessed at a reduced post-event charge here:

<https://www.charteredforesters.org/trees-people-and-the-built-environment-5-post-event-tickets-now-on-sale>

UPCOMING TDAG EVENTS

Next TDAG online seminar 18 July 2-4pm BST on Zoom

This will focus on "Engaging with communities to support local tree planting and deliver change"

You can register here:

<https://bham-ac-uk.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMudOitrz8qHdYU4Xdgvr45nujTJ0LGTxRV#/registration>

UPCOMING EVENTS BY OTHERS

Dundee 19-21 June 2024

4th European i-Tree Conference

<https://www.meetdundeecityregion.co.uk/attending/conferences/4th-european-i-tree-conference-2024-dundee>

London 17th September 2024

Tree Law Conference

This year's full-day event is a conference of two halves. The morning focuses on hot tree topics such as damage caused by trees, subsidence and heave, planning law and trees and what the Supreme court says on Japanese knot weed. After lunch (networking and expo), the afternoon has a Mock Mediation. What really goes on and how does the mediator get the parties to settle?

The tickets are on sale here - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/tree-law-conference-2024-tickets-815137567407?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&utm-source=cp&aff=ebdsshcopyurl>

RHS Wisley 25-29 September 2024

Greener Cities: Improving Ecosystem Services in a Climate-Changing World

The Royal Horticultural Society will be hosting their *Third International ISHS Symposium on Greener Cities* from 25-29 September 2024. The symposium will take place at the RHS Garden Wisley, Surrey, UK. See further information and tickets [here](#).

Liverpool 15-16 October 2024

Call for papers: Healthy City Design 2024 International Congress

This year's theme is 'Building a fairer future: Advancing health equity through impact investment'. For details see: <https://www.healthycitydesign.global/>

12 November 2024 at the Barbican, London **Biophilic Design Conference**

An exploratory day on the benefits of biophilic design for people and planet where we can all come together from design, construction, planning, government, think tanks, associations, healthcare, education, urban design, policy, media – with a party in the evening in the conservatory.

<https://journalofbiophilicdesign.com/biophilic-design-conference>

SOME CURRENT TDAG ACTIVITIES

National House Building Council (NHBC)

We are working with the NHBC and the Arboricultural Association on foundation design for low rise buildings on shrinkable soils with a view to updating Chapter 4.2 in the NHBC Standards (<https://www.nhbc.co.uk/builders/products-and-services/techzone/nhbc-standards>)

Canopy cover

We are still working on our First Steps in Urban Tree Canopy Cover and this may be in two parts: 1) strategic issues and 2) site specific issues. Deanne Brettle, University of Birmingham, is leading the work on this.

CONSULTATIONS

BS5837

Our understanding is that the reviewed 5837 along with some amendments to 8545 will be available for consultation later in September after the summer holidays. TDAG will circulate all details once we have them.

BS8640

This draft for tree planting media is out for consultation until 23 June. You need to register (free) to comment: <https://standardsdevelopment.bsigroup.com/projects/2021-03260>

INFORMATION

With thanks to the Natural Cambridge Partnership, TCPA, GIP and others

General election

Town and Country Planning Association - 100 days to rebuild Britain: The TCPA's vision for the next government

With the general election now confirmed for 4 July, a reminder that the TCPA has called on all political parties to commit to changes that will enable the planning system to be a transformational tool for community development. [In this blog](#), the TCPA's Chief Executive Fiona Howie sets out the key asks from our manifesto: '[100 Days to Rebuild Britain](#)

Institute of Chartered Foresters - Trees for People, Place and Nature: A call for action
With the next general election taking place on 4 July 2024, we are calling on the next government to commit to working with the forestry profession to unlock the potential of our trees, woods and forests, in support of delivering against the timber, biodiversity, and climate crises.

The Institute's document [Trees for People, Place and Nature: Growing Trees for Tomorrow's Needs](#), sets out four key areas for government to acknowledge.
<https://www.charteredforesters.org/trees-for-people-place-and-nature-a-call-to-action>

Planning:

The Seven Deadly Mistakes of Planning Reform, Blog by Hugh Ellis, TCPA
https://www.tcpa.org.uk/the-seven-deadly-mistakes-of-planning-reform/?utm_source=TCPA+monthly+bulletin&utm_campaign=ce9b834e3e-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2017_06_26_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_6c43bd91d4-ce9b834e3e-102117857

Climate change

Climate-change-driven land-use scenarios,
<https://sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S259033222300444X>

Future global cost of climate change,
<https://forbes.com/sites/roberthart/2024/04/17/climate-change-will-cost-global-economy-38-trillion-every-year-within-25-years-scientists-warn/>

Loss of soil carbon, <https://www.science.org/doi/10.1126/science.adi7918>

Biodiversity

Biodiversity Net Gain

National Audit Office's report [*Implementing statutory biodiversity net gain*](#),

Impact of nature degradation on the UK's economy,
<https://greenfinanceinstitute.com/news-and-insights/assessing-the-materiality-of-nature-related-financial-risks-for-the-uk/>

Trees, hedgerows and green space

The potential of urban trees to reduce heat-related mortality in London

A [recent study](#) in Greater London used personal weather stations to monitor how urban temperatures vary according to tree canopy coverage. This data was also used to predict the heat-health impacts of London's urban trees. In addition, using the collected data, it was estimated that urban forest helped avoid 153 heat attributable deaths from 2015– 2022.

Hedgerow regulations now law

<https://defrafarming.blog.gov.uk/2024/05/23/hedgerow-regulations-now-law/>

Hope for the elm

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2024/apr/14/english-elm-hybrids-disease-busting>

App for woodland condition assessment, <https://www.field-studies-council.org/woodland-condition-assessments/>

Green Space Toolkit republished by Natural Resources Wales

Natural Resources Wales recently re-published the [Green Space Toolkit](#) to help you decide how much green space of what quality should be provided and where it should go. In this republishing, some sections have been re-worded to make them easier to understand and out of date references have been removed or brought up to date.

Pests and diseases

Oak processionary moth is getting nearer,

<https://forestry.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=c647b00b75d34647aeb5a9d07eca9785>

Water and flooding

It going to get much wetter?

<https://inews.co.uk/inews-lifestyle/constant-rain-2034-climate-scientist-3073979>

Report backed by the Chief Medical Officer recommends SuDS

The new report, [Testing the waters: priorities for mitigating health risks from wastewater pollution](#), recognises the positive impact sustainable urban drainage systems (SuDS) have on our waterways and reducing the spread of water-borne diseases. Professor Chris Witty's foreword recommends incentivising private property owners to reduce hard surfaces and to promote SuDS as a means to manage surface water run-off.

TCPA e-learning on flood risk

The Environment Agency has teamed up with the Town and Country Planning Association (TCPA) to develop a suite of online training resources aimed at planners and flood risk professionals working in the public sector.

The courses are free of charge: Register now to access these courses here: [TCPA learning](#)

Mapping

New interactive platform for National Character Area information

National Character Areas (NCAs) divide England into 159 distinct areas. Each is defined by a unique combination of: landscape, biodiversity, geodiversity, history, cultural and economic activity. Recently published guidance on NCAs includes a map and online tools with information. This can be accessed [here](#)

Other environmental issues

Recycling cement to reduce its carbon footprint

<https://www.cam.ac.uk/stories/cement-recycling>

How plastic moves in rivers,

<https://theconversation.com/we-dropped-over-8-000-pieces-of-litter-into-a-fake-river-to-fight-plastic-pollution-229779>

Blue, green and red plastics are the worst, <https://le.ac.uk/news/2024/may/microplastic-colours>

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