



## Introduction to the Ancient Tree Forum

### Who are we?

The Ancient Tree Forum (ATF) is a registered charity which has pioneered the conservation of ancient and other veteran trees, and is the main UK organisation concerned solely with their conservation.

### What are our aims?

The ATF seeks to secure the long-term future of ancient trees through:

- Advocacy of no further avoidable loss
- Good management
- The development of a succession of future ancient trees
- Raising awareness and understanding of their value and importance

### Who do we work with?

The ATF works with owners, tree care professionals and supporters across the UK and overseas. We also work in partnership with other organisations to secure a future for ancient trees and have established a number of working groups. These bring together experts to deal with topics affecting ancient and other veteran trees such as pests and disease, and root protection areas. The ATF was a partner in the two year European VETree project, which has set up a European wide training programme in veteran tree management.

### How you can get involved

- **Come along to one of our field events** to sites important for ancient and veteran trees. We run these in March and October, and as part of our annual summer forum
- **Join us at our annual summer forum** which includes a conference with expert speakers, networking opportunities and a field event
- **Attend one of our training events**
- **Sign up for our newsletter** which brings you news about ancient trees, and details of forthcoming events
- **See our website** for information about management and understanding of ancient and veteran trees
- **Purchase our book** 'Ancient and other veteran trees: further guidance on management'
- **Support us in raising awareness** of ancient trees through social media (see below)

For details of all the above see [www.ancient-tree-forum.org.uk](http://www.ancient-tree-forum.org.uk) or contact Hannah Solloway, ATF's Development Officer on 01935 873766.

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