



Veteran Tree Management – Knowledge Day

with Dr John Devaney, Reg Harris and Simon Richmond

Oldbridge House, Drogheda, Co. Meath, A92 CY68

Wednesday 18th June 2025
9:30am to 16:30pm

The Irish Branch is hosting a knowledge day on veteran trees at the beautiful and historic Oldbridge House, Co. Meath. The event will include several speakers to share their knowledge and experience on assessing and managing veteran and ancient trees, both in Ireland and the UK.

Programme:

9:30 – 9:40	Welcome
9:40 – 10:10	Ancient Woodlands Ireland – Dr. John Devaney
10:10 – 10:35	Managing Veteran Trees Belfast City Council – Ross Deering & Viliam Krupa
10:35–11:15	Experience of the VETcert and Managing Veteran Trees within a Local Authority – Cormac Downey
11:15 – 11:45	Break
11:45 – 13:00	Veteran Tree Management – Pruning and Veteranisation Techniques – Reg Harris
13:00 – 13:30	VETcert – Its history and information for possible candidates – Simon Richmond
13:30 – 14:15	Lunch
14:15 – 14:45	Hornbeam Decline at Hatfield Forest – Reg Harris
15:00 – 16:30	Veteran Tree Walk with our speakers

For a booking form and details please email **Charles McCorkell**, at Ireland Branch irelandbranch@trees.org.uk
or scan the QR code opposite

Refreshments and lunch:

Morning tea/coffee only.
Lunch not included.

Notes for attendees:

There will be a veteran tree walk in the afternoon so please ensure to bring suitable outdoor clothing and footwear.

Cost:

Members: €85
Non-members: €110

Venues:

Oldbridge House, Drogheda,
Co. Meath A92 CY68

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Speaker information overleaf.

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About the Speakers



Reg Harris has been an arborist for nearly forty years and is the Director of an arboricultural and landscaping contracting business called Urban Forestry (Bury St Edmunds) Ltd, which is based in Suffolk, UK. For the last 25 years he has specialised in working on ancient and veteran trees and is the main contractor for this type of work at both Hatfield and Sherwood Forests. He is an examiner for the Vetcert qualification (practising) in the UK and also sits on the Technical Advisory Panel of the Ancient Tree Forum.



Dr John Devaney received a PhD in Forest Ecology from University College Cork in 2013 and has since completed Post Doctoral Research Fellowships at the Smithsonian Institution and Trinity College Dublin. John is currently an Assistant Professor at the Biology Dept, Maynooth University, where he leads the Forest Ecology & Global Change research group. John is the Principal Investigator of the Ancient Woodlands Ireland project, a four-year project funded by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) and the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS). The project aims to complete an all-island inventory of ancient woodlands in Ireland, and provide valuable data that can be used to enhance the protection of Ireland's ancient woodlands and help prioritize sites for ancient woodland restoration."



Simon Richmond is one of the Senior Technical Officers at the Arboricultural Association and has been working in the sector for 50 years, as contractor, trainer, consultant and advisor. He has been responsible for the development of numerous training and technical guidance documents, organising and presenting the Association's conferences and the ARB Show over many years and editing the ARB Magazine. In recent decades he has become particularly interested in ancient and veteran trees and was part of the pan-European team that developed the VETcert qualification. This has led to further collaborations, associations and learning with a global network of world-leading pioneers in understanding tree behaviour.

Viliam Krupa is a Woodland Officer at Belfast City Council (South West)

Ross Deering is a Woodland Officer at Belfast City Council (North Central)

Cormac Downey is a Tree Officer at Fingal County Council

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Charles McCorkell (Chair), Arboricultural Association Irish Branch,
irelandbranch@trees.org.uk
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Booking Form

Event Name	Veteran Tree Management – Knowledge Day		
Event Date	18 June 2025	Event Venue	Oldbridge House, Drogheda, Co. Meath, A92 CY68

Delegate Information (Use a separate form for each delegate)

Delegate Title		Name		
Delegate Contact Address				
Address Line 1				
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Delegate E-mail (for joining instruction)				
Delegate Phone number				
Delegate Mobile number				

Customer Information (For invoice and payment processing, if different from above)

Company Name				
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Company E-mail				
Company Phone Number				
Company Contact Name (if not delegate)				

Cost: AA Member €85.00; Non-AA-Member €110.00

Includes tea & Coffee during workshop. Please note lunch is not included.

Please reserve a place for me on the above event for the sum of:

Please note this event is limited to 40 people and places will be allocated on a first come basis.

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Total: €

Note: If paying AA membership rate, please include AA Membership No:

(Fully paid up members only. Discounted rates exclude Ordinary member grade.)

Signature:

Date:

- If completing this form electronically, we will use your submission email as confirmation of identity and intent.
- We reserve the right to cancel courses and refund applicants if there is insufficient demand.
- Full charge will be applied to any booking cancelled less than 10 working days before the event.

Payment method

Please Tick Payment Method	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cheque – made payable to the ‘Arboricultural Association’ (must be enclosed with booking form).
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