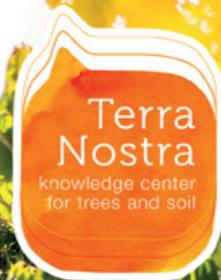




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The Arboricultural Association and Terra Nostra presents



Netherlands Study Tour 2026

Three immersive days on the road with expert arboriculturists from Terra Nostra

16th–18th June 2026

Limited to **16** places*

A three-day study tour, with the opportunity to experience first-hand the consequences of oak processionary moth (OPM), ash dieback (ADB) and sooty bark disease in the Netherlands. You'll see the effects on the trees and develop and gain practical management and policy insights.

A series of field trips will take delegates to hot spots of infestation, providing numerous examples and offering practical information, demonstrating the effects of these diseases on trees, as well as insights into their management and policies.

Throughout the journey, Henry Kuppen will sprinkle in his knowledge of tree diseases and offer insights into the landscape's origins. We'll also be joined by scientist, consultant and OPM expert Wendy Batenburg and Roel Geerts.

Henry Kuppen. The excursion will be led and prepared by Henry Kuppen. He is Tree Ambassador of Terra Nostra and has a practical background consisting of 40 year experience in arboriculture and is one of the key composers of the Ash Dieback National Survey Standard and Sooty Bark Disease protocol in the Netherlands. Henry is also board member of the National Oak Processionary Moth Knowledge Centre and is considered to be the leading expert on OPM. Henry has been involved with OPM management in the UK as of 2009.



Wendy Batenburg, arboricultural consultant and scientist at Terra Nostra Research and Development, will provide an insight in relevant OPM management issues. Her main area of expertise includes in-depth analysis of OPM data such as pheromone trap results which can be considered the foundations of effective and realistic disease management and policy. Wendy is also involved with Sooty bark disease diagnostics.



Roel Geerts, Roel Geerts, an arboricultural consultant at Terra Nostra Consultancy, has been leading ADB surveys in the field of ADB as of 2014. Fascinated by ash dieback, he works throughout the year with this disease. Meta-data analysis is used to identify disease developments through the years, identifying specific outcomes in the numerous ash species and varieties that are used in the Netherlands. These outcomes are used to aid and direct ADB management decisions.



Costs:

The cost of the trip will include all land transportation, all host and speaker fees as well as coffee/tea, soft drinks and lunch. Also BBQ including drinks on Wednesday evening.

Shared room (twin) £770 +VAT

Price does not include travel to the Netherlands.

Please note: Attendees will be required to arrange their own travel to the Netherlands and any accommodation requirements beyond the days which are included in the itinerary. Dinner on Tuesday 16th June is not included

Included in the price is:

- Two nights' accommodation (shared room) at **De Lage Raam Mill**
- Transportation to field sites and to/from Almere train station
- Coffee/tea, soft drinks and lunches
- BBQ, including drinks on Wednesday evening

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**Note: Numbers will be strictly limited to a maximum of 16 participants - and the Association will reserve places on a first-come first-served basis.*