

## Oakdale (NE) Ltd – new ArbAC

Oakdale NE Ltd, a tree specialist company located in Yorkshire and the North-East region, has achieved ARB Approved

Contractor status, another prestigious accreditation to support the UKAS, ISO 9001, ISO 14001 (since 2008) and other awards already held by the company.

The accreditation has four detailed criteria points across four key areas:

Work standards and tree knowledge

Health & Safety and competent working Practises

Office administration systems and procedures

Customer care protocols



Oakdale's founder Iain Graham said, 'I am very pleased to have secured this award, having taken a keen interest in the recent forward-thinking developments within the Arb Association.'

'We were happy to open our systems for testing on aspects across the spectrum of our tree business, which has 14 years of experience in delivering quality tree consultancy and intervention services. Quality and pride in our service delivery are paramount to our company goals, to deliver quality affordable and valued services.'

'This accreditation also brings Safe Contractor to our list of awards and there is an option in regard to TrustMark too.'

## Titchfield Tree Services – new ArbAC

Titchfield Tree Services is a well-established tree surgery business and has been running for over 17 years, covering Hampshire, Dorset, Sussex, Surrey and beyond.

Matt Godwin said, 'When I was 18 years old, I worked alongside a tree surgeon for a few months in England and Guernsey and realised that this was what I wanted to do for my career. I put myself on a course at Sparsholt College, holding down three jobs at the same time. As soon as I became qualified with my NPTC, I realised that there was a window of opportunity, so I started up my own business at the age of 21. My business consisted of a clapped-out old Landover and one chainsaw! I began to do works for private clientele, building up my business slowly,

and gradually my name spread and my workload grew bigger and better.

'I always had stepping stones to reach, so I went on to become Exor accredited, which opened up my business to every local authority in Hampshire, and this allowed me to work alongside them, something I have done continually for the past 15 years. Again, my workload increased so I started to employ other tree surgeons and I expanded my business, which enabled me to carry out more works for various companies covering Hampshire.'

'Having achieved all of the above, I knew there was one accreditation I really wanted to gain and that was to be an Arboricultural Association Approved Contractor. This to me was the best accreditation to gain as it



shows that my company is well organised, well established and reputable, the things clients tend to look for when looking for a tree surgery company. I am very proud to become an ArbAC. This is another window of opportunity for me and my team. I would like to thank all who work for Titchfield Tree Services for their hard work over the past 17 years. Here is to a bigger and better future for TTS!'



**Congratulations to those who have recently become new ARB Approved Contractors**

Canopy Tree Services, Derbyshire

Glendale, Hertfordshire

Greater Manchester Tree Station

Green Co. Tree Surgeons, West Midlands

Ground Control, Essex

Oakdale (NE) Ltd, North Yorkshire

Titchfield Tree Services, Hampshire

Tree Care Company, West Yorkshire

## Arboriculture and Bats: A Guide for Practitioners

Bat Conservation Trust 

### Target audience: Arborists

This introductory one-day course for arborists, developed by the Bat Conservation Trust and the Arboricultural Association, will help you to carry out tree works with consideration to the potential effects on bats and their habitats. The course counts towards Arboricultural Association CPD requirements and participants will receive a Lantra Awards attendance certificate. Please note that this is a basic awareness course – it will not give arborists the knowledge and skills to carry out full bat surveys.

### Course content includes:

- Bat biology
- Bat ecology
- Bats and the law
- Potential tree roost recognition
- Where to go for help
- Emergency procedures
- Practical exercise

See page 70 for course dates



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