

arboricultural services



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a comprehensive approach to the management of trees

Trees have a range of economic, social and environmental benefits - filtering out air pollutants, locking in carbon for long periods, reducing wind speeds and temperature extremes, providing a recreational resource, creating wildlife habitats and contributing scale, form, texture and colour to the landscape. The presence of well-managed trees has proved to enhance both the visual and monetary value of property.

However, tree ownership brings with it the responsibility to ensure that trees are maintained in relation to their purpose in the landscape and that due consideration is given to their impact upon people, property and related development.

Our arboriculturists are experienced in management appropriate to these requirements and work for a wide range of clients in the public and private sector. We are licensed users of the Quantified Tree Risk Assessment system, use the latest technology for data capture and presentation, access information electronically and are fully conversant with legislation and industry standards. By identifying only necessary and appropriate work to be undertaken, we can ensure value for money.

A tree survey programme based on risk zoning (target-led) fulfils the duty of care and reduces the potential for injury or damage and associated expense. More detailed surveys identify management needs that can be programmed and budgeted for over a period of years with the additional benefit of ensuring continuity of tree cover.

Allied to our extensive experience in estate management (from small allotments to large trust estates), the management of countryside sites, asset valuation and management, purchases, sales, leases, landscape architecture and much more, we can offer a comprehensive property management service.

analysis and assessment for tree management

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electronic data capture

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mapping of tree positions

prioritised works schedules and orders

surveys, reports and recommendations
that comply with BS5837:2005

tree safety inspections

woodland surveys and grant advice

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Our approach - using technology

We use the latest equipment in the field for tree surveying. Utilizing a handheld computer (PDA) linked to a global positioning system (GPS) allows real time positioning and data capture in the field. The system uses mobile mapping software that we have customised to our requirements. Once back in the office, this can then be downloaded and plotted onto our Geographic Information System (GIS), which helps us to produce detailed accurate maps for analysis, at the click of a button. We also have the capability to add photographs behind point data. Using this technology allows us to offer cost effective and accurate data capture that provides a high quality product with increased versatility.

Lancashire County Council

Capita Symonds undertook a drive-by tree hazard scoping survey where over 2400km of classified roads were inspected using the QTRA system as the first step in developing a Tree Risk Management system.



Trees in the Local Government planning environment

We provided arboricultural expertise to a number of local authorities including Southampton City Council, Carlisle City Council, Eden District Council, South Lakeland District Council, the Lake District NPA, Lancaster City Council, Barrow Borough Council, Salford City Council and Allerdale Borough Council.

Cannock Chase Council

Capita Symonds has been appointed to undertake a three-year tree inspection programme using electronic data capture and microchips inserted into the tree stem.

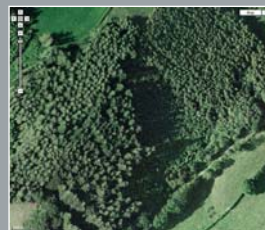


Cumbria County Council

Capita Symonds advises Cumbria on managing its large tree stock including street trees, farm estates, woodlands with public access, country parks and office complexes. A programme of tree inspections on school sites is nearing completion of the first cycle.

Trees and development

A range of private and public bodies have commissioned Capita Symonds to provide reports that comply with the requirements of BS5837:2005 for projects including new fire stations, children's centres, new business premises, new dwellings and house extensions and university student accommodation.



Parks, woodlands and forests

We prepare management plans for parks and woodlands and can advise on sourcing grants, maximizing income from timber sales, public access for recreation, implementing planting schemes etc. and will prepare specifications and costings for tendering of work.

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