

PAUL HANSON

Curriculum Vitae

Description of current role (from 1997)

Managing director of Arboretum Internationale Ltd. Responsible for the day to day operations of the company, charged with maintaining high standards of quality and safety including that of any subcontractors. Duties include the pursuance of new business initiatives in the areas of arboricultural consultancy, training and specialist contracting worldwide. Arboretum Internationale delivers a professional consultancy service addressing issues of tree safety, personal injury at work and the increasingly complicated field of trees within the planning system. Our team work as expert witnesses guiding legal counsel in matters relating to injuries and property damage where there is an arboricultural involvement. Since its inception in 2005 (revised in 2010) we have employed the guidance given in BS5837 'Recommendations for trees in relation to construction', liaising with architects, town planners, developers and home owners to achieve a maximum return financially and aesthetically allowing appropriate development in proximity to trees. Arboretum Internationale has extensive experience of working with clients to achieve sensible compromise solutions for trees located in Conservation Areas, or subject to Tree Preservation Orders and Planning Conditions throughout Scotland. Hazard tree and tree safety inspections are an integral part of our normal tree reporting systems, in addition to which we provide a bespoke dedicated tree assessment under the auspices of QTRA (Quantified Tree Risk Assessment). In recent years, we have become one of the leading exponents of veteran tree management, striving to retain old, often defective trees with invaluable and dependant flora and fauna in locations with high public use. We regularly employ unusual management options to create effective solutions including the installation of propping and bracing systems, re-routing access, excluding under canopy areas (by fencing) and performing conservation pruning operations.

Previous experience

1995-97

Arboricultural Consultant with the Scottish Agricultural College, delivering arboricultural consultancy and specialist training throughout Scotland. Responsible for the development of new business opportunities in the production and environmental sectors of the industry, liaising with other specialist advisors within SAC as required. Participation in skills based and academic education programmes, accompanied by active pursuit of research and development.

1990-95

Arboricultural Manager, Continental Landscapes, Nottingham, responsible for the daily operation of a tree surgery team in the Midlands area; having a wider remit to supervise tree surgery in the northern area of the company's contracting field, ensuring work carried out to recognised national standards. 'In-house' company arboricultural trainer for FASTCo.

MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL BODIES

Professional member of the International Society of Arboriculture (No. 16263)
Professional member of the Arboricultural Association (No. 00157)
Member of the Royal Forestry Society
Registered in the Law Society of Scotland, Directory of Expert Witnesses (No. 4362)
Registered in the UK Register of Expert Witnesses (No. JSP/E3420)
Registered in the National Expert Witness Agency (No. E16568)
Expert arboricultural member of the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers

COMMITTEE WORK & OTHER ACTIVITIES

Trustee of the Arboricultural Association (2001-2004)
Committee member of the Arboricultural Association's Scottish Branch (2008- 2016)
Chairman of the Arboricultural Association's Scottish Branch (2008-2015)
Chairman of the Arboricultural Association's Scottish Branch (1997-2001)
Scottish representative on the Arboricultural Association's Commercial Committee (1996-98)
Arboricultural advisor to iCONic 2010 – present
Arboricultural industry representative for National Occupational Standards on the Trees and Timber Industry Group (2006 -09)
Arboricultural industry representative for amenity trees on the Scottish Government's Tree Health Advisory Group (2011-2014)

RELEVANT QUALIFICATIONS

FdSc Arboriculture, University of Central Lancashire
The Civil Procedure Rules for Expert Witnesses Certificate (Bond Solon)
Construction Skill Certification Scheme Reg. no. 03985432 (Consultant)
LANTRA Professional Tree Inspector
Bond Solon Certificate of Achievement in Civil Procedures Rules Training
AA Technicians Certificate
Licensed user of the Quantified Tree Risk Assessment System (no.1358)
LOLER inspector for arboriculture (NPTC Cert. No. 302786)
ISA Certified Arborist (1997- 2009)
RFS Certificate in Arboriculture

OTHER

Consulting author of the AA Industry Code of Practice for Tree Work at Height (2015)
Recipient of the AA Scottish Branch award for services to Arboriculture (2013)
Co-author and editor of the AA's - A Guide to the use of MEWPs in Arboriculture (2008)
Regular contributor to arboricultural, forestry and safety publications
AA Scottish Branch co-ordinator of National Arbor Day (1997 to 2010)
Founder and National co-ordinator of Climb a Mile in aid of Help for Heroes (2011)

TRAINING QUALIFICATIONS

1999 - 2006 NPTC Senior Verifier and Assessor for Utility Arboriculture
1999 - 2006 NPTC/LANTRA Verifier and Assessor for Forestry and Arboriculture
1995 - 2010 NPTC/LANTRA Trainer and Assessor for Forestry and Arboriculture
1999 - 2010 NPTC/LANTRA Trainer and Assessor for Utility Arboriculture
1995- 2011 LANTRA Trainer and Assessor for Forestry and Arboriculture

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT RECORD

AA Scottish Branch Winter Lecture: Standards in Urban Tree management University Botanic Garden, Dundee	January 2017
Wood Decay Fungi - AA seminar: Dr. Lynn Boddy, Dr. Helen Reid Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh	October 2016
Picus Masterclass Seminar: John Harraway for Sorbus Ltd. Nottingham Trent University, Brackenhurst Campus	October 2016
Tree Forks - AA seminar: Dr. D. Slater Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh	September 2016
TROBI Allan Mitchell Memorial Lecture: New Trees Dr. John Grimshaw Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh	June 2016
AA Scottish Branch Winter Lecture: Alien Invasive Pathogens – A Threat to UK Trees Callendar House, Falkirk	January 2016
AA Scottish Branch Seminar: Trees and the Law Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh	June 2015
National Tree Collections of Scotland – Annual Meeting Drumlanrig Estate	June 2015
AA Scottish Branch Seminar and AGM: Tree Planting Solutions Doune Hall, Stirlingshire	February 2015
Arbicultural Association – Tree rigging update Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh	October 2014
Lantra Professional Tree Inspection – AA update Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh	September 2014
Ancient Tree Forum Annual General meeting Scone/Rothiemurchus Guest Speaker – Propping and supporting Veteran and heritage trees	June 2014
Claus Mattheck VTA update Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh	May 2014
AA Scottish Branch Seminar and AGM: Pest & Disease Outbreaks Glasgow Botanic Garden	February 2014
Arbicultural Association – Delivering Tree Work Seminar City of Edinburgh Council Chambers	October 2013
Arbicultural Association Annual General Conference Exeter University	September 2013
National Tree Collections of Scotland – Annual Meeting Benmore Botanic Garden	June 2013
Arbicultural Association - Pest and diseases update Dewar's Centre, Perth	May 2013
AA Scottish Branch Seminar and AGM: Veteran Tree Management Dawyck Botanic Garden, Peebles	January 2013
Scottish Tree Officers Group – Heritage Tree Management Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park Headquarters Guest Speaker – Legislative protection for Veteran and heritage trees	October 2012
Arbicultural Association – BS5837 2012 update Dewar's Centre, Perth	September 2012
National Tree Collections of Scotland – Managing the Dunkeld Estate Hilton Dunkeld, Perthshire Guest Speaker – Revitalising the Dunkeld estate	April 2012
ICF South Scotland Regional Group – Tree Safety & Duty of Care The Royal Hotel, Bridge of Allan	March 2012

AA Scottish Branch Seminar and AGM: Heritage tree collections/TROBI Camperdown Park, Dundee	January 2012
Expert Witness Institute –How to be a superior expert witness The Western Club, Glasgow	November 2011
Institute of Groundsmanship – Hazard Tree Inspection/management Scotsturf Show, Ingliston, Edinburgh, Guest Speaker	November 2011
AA Scottish Branch – Tree Health Seminar Forest Research, Roslyn, Edinburgh	August 2011
Forestry Commission Tree Health Seminar – Phytophthora update Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park Headquarters	October 2011
Institute of Groundsmanship – Veteran Tree Management Scotsturf Show, Ingliston, Edinburgh, Guest Speaker	November 2010
Arbicultural Association Annual General Conference Manchester University	September 2010
Claus Mattheck VTA update Hilton Dunkeld, Perthshire	May 2010
Scottish Native Woodlands – PAWS seminar Hilton Dunkeld, Perthshire	May 2010
AA East Anglia Branch – Work at Height Regulations seminar Guest speaker	July 2010
Forestry Commission Tree Health Seminar Scone Palace, Perthshire	October 2009
Arbicultural Association Annual General Conference Exeter University	September 2009
NPTC/LANTRA CS Updating Meeting Glasgow	August 2009
AA Scottish Branch – Work at Height Regulations seminar Guest speaker	July 2009
Mike Ellison – Visual Tree Assessment Update Hilton Dunkeld, Perthshire	May 2009
Neville Fay, Ted Green – Veteran tree management Glasgow	November 2008
AA Scottish Branch Seminar and AGM: Heritage trees/landscapes Kelburn Castle, Largs	August 2008
Sorbus International Ltd - An update for Picus Sonic Tomography. Wiltshire Agricultural College, Lackham.	July 2008
Arch Networks/Latvia Forest Services – Professional visit Latvia	May 2008
Claus Mattheck VTA update Leicester Racecourse	May 2008
Lantra Awards – Arboriculture and Bats – A Guide For Practitioners Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh	November 2007
AA Scottish Branch Seminar: Structural Defects in Trees Countryside Inn, Milton Bridge, Penicuik	August 2007
Why trees fall down – thermal imaging seminar Hilton Dunkeld, Perthshire	May 2007
NPTC / Lantra Woodchipper & Stumpgrinder Assessor Updating Meeting Hilton Dunkeld, Perthshire	July 2006
NPTC Utility Verifiers Updating Meeting Dunkeld, Perthshire	June 2006

Scottish Woodland History Discussion Group Annual Conference, SNH Battleby	November 2005
Arboricultural Association Annual General Conference Exeter University	September 2005
Heritage Tree Management Symposium (Guest speaker) Dunkeld Hilton Hotel, Perthshire	May 2005
NPTC/LANTRA CS Verifiers Updating Meeting NPTC Stoneleigh, Kenilworth	May 2005
Arboricultural Association Annual General Conference Chester College	September 2004
NPTC Utility Verifiers Updating Meeting (Course tutor) Stoneleigh, Warwickshire	June 2004
NPTC/LANTRA CS Verifiers Updating Meeting TKF – Holmfirth, West Yorkshire	April 2004
Scottish Woodland History Discussion Group (Guest speaker) Annual Conference, SNH Battleby	November 2003
Arboricultural Association Annual General Conference (Guest speaker) Northampton University	September 2003
NPTC Utility Verifiers Updating Meeting (Course tutor) EMPower, Nottinghamshire	August 2003
Heritage Tree Seminar (Guest speaker) Royal Botanic Gardens, Edinburgh	April 2003
NPTC/LANTRA CS Verifiers Updating Meeting Forestry Commission – Forest of Dean	April 2003
The Expert Witness Conference The Faculty of Advocates – Edinburgh	May 2002