# ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL TREE CONSULTANTS AND TREE CONTRACTORS LIST

## Choosing and appointing a tree consultant or tree contractor

You are responsible as a landowner for having your trees checked regularly, and for making sure that any necessary works are carried out, to ensure that they do not cause injury to people or damage to property. (It is also sensible to have trees included on your building insurance policy.) The Isle of Wight Council Tree Team compiles a list to help people choose consultants and contractors.

It is not an approved list, nor is it a guarantee of quality or service. It is your responsibility to check before you appoint somebody.

Check qualifications and current insurance as detailed on this list, and ask about experience, and health & safety policies and procedures. All firms are required by law to have a health and safety policy, which must be written if the firm employs five or more people. Ask for references, and look at similar work they have done elsewhere. Discuss what you want done and why. You may want to ask two or three companies for quotations, but do not necessarily choose the cheapest - they may not be the best value for money.

Tree work is hard, skilled work and potentially very dangerous. It should only be done by people who have been trained to do it. The Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998 (PUWER 98) requires anyone working with chainsaws on or in trees to be competent to do so. They should have received appropriate training and obtained a relevant certificate of competence or national competence award. In other words, **somebody paid to work with chainsaws on or in trees that has not been trained to do so is breaking the law.** It is suggested that tree contractors should do refresher training every five years. Tree work is also covered by the Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations 1998 (LOLER 98).

Guidelines for tree work were set by FASTCo, the Forestry & Arboriculture Safety & Training Council.

If contractors are not properly trained, or they do not follow industry guidelines, then their insurance will almost certainly be invalid.

Tree surgery also needs to be done by people who understand what they're doing and why - tree contractors should know their trees well, and for each species know how to recognise a typical sound healthy tree so that they will recognise an unsound one, and know how different species respond to their environment and to pruning. Last but not least, perhaps the most important requirement for good tree surgery is a feel for the shape and the beauty of the tree. Ask to see similar trees that the contractor has pruned before. A good tree surgeon is artistic and can see how to prune the tree to leave it not only healthy and sound, but also with a beautiful natural shape.

## What information is used to produce this list?

All the contractors on this list have provided photocopies of certificates of public liability insurance, and of relevant training and qualifications.

## The list is divided into three parts:

Tree consultants.

Tree contractors.

Timber merchants.

## Training and professional bodies

for tree work include:

Arboricultural Association (AA) Ampfield House, Ampfield, Romsey, Hampshire SO51 9PA, tel. 01794 368717 www.trees.org.uk Arboriculture and Forestry Advisory Group replaced the Forestry & Arboriculture Safety & Training Council (FASTCo) as an interim body in April 2002. Contact the Forestry Commission for old FASTCo guides at PO Box 25, Wetherby, West Yorkshire, LS23 7EW, tel. 0870 121 4180, fax 0870 121 4181. Once these guides have been re-written they will be available from the Health & Safety Executive (HSE), Broad Lane, Sheffield S3 7HQ, tel 0541 545500, www.hse.gov.uk.

Arboriculture Mortgage and Insurance Users Group (AMIUG) c/o ISA.

The City & Guilds of London Institute (C&G) 1 Giltspur Street, London EC1A 9DD, tel. 020 7294 2468, www.city-and-quilds.co.uk.

National Proficiency Tests Council (NPTC) National Agricultural Centre, Kenilworth, Warwickshire CV8 2LG, tel. 01203 696553 www.nptc.org.uk

Institute of Chartered Foresters (ICF) 7A St Colme Street, Edinburgh EH3 6AA, tel 0131 225 2705.

www.charteredforesters.org.

International Society of Arboriculture UK & Ireland Chapter (ISA) 148 Hydes Road, Wednesbury, West Midlands WS10 0DR www.isa-uki.org

Lantra, National Agricultural Centre, Kenilworth, Warwickshire CV8 2LG, tel. 024 7669 6996, www.lantra.co.uk. Royal Forestry Society (RFS) 102 High Street, Tring, Hertfordshire HP23 4AF, tel. 01442 822 028 www.rfs.org.uk Consulting Arborist Society (CAS)

For more information on NPTC training, please see overleaf.

#### **NPTC** certificates

One of the most widely recognized training schemes for tree work is set by the National Proficiency Tests Council. Tree contractors who have passed NPTC assessments carry an ID card.

For **felling** only, units CS 30 (Maintain the Chain Saw), and CS 31 (Fell Small Trees) are enough for trees up to 8 - 15" diameter; CS 30 and CS 32 (Fell Medium Sized Trees) for trees 15 - 30" diameter; CS 30 and CS 33 (Fell Large Trees) for trees over 30" diameter. For each of these, "A" after the unit means conifers, and "B" means broadleaves. For **felling trees in sections (dismantling)**, from small spaces where there is not room to fell a whole tree in one go, you should only employ a contractor with staff who have passed unit CS 41 (Carry out Dismantling Operations). For **pruning (tree surgery)**, you should only employ a contractor with staff who have passed unit CS 40 (Carry out Pruning Operations).

Before they can take unit CS 40 or CS 41, tree contractors must have been trained to climb and rescue people from trees, and to climb and use a chainsaw in trees. These are covered by unit CS 38 (Climb Trees and Perform Aerial Tree Rescue), and CS 39 (Operate the Chainsaw from a Rope and Harness). Again, contractors have to pass CS 30, CS 31 or CS 37 before they can do CS 38 or CS 39, so that somebody who has CS 40 or CS 41 will also have passed CS 30, CS 31 or CS 37, CS 38, and CS 39.

Only people who have been trained to do so should use a chainsaw in a tree.

If one member of the team is climbing, there should always be at least one other member of the team who is trained in climbing and aerial rescue, in case the climber is injured - in other words, somebody with CS 38, CS 39, CS 40, or CS 41.

Summary	of NPTC chainsaw units	(for guidance only - for full details contact NPTC)	
Numberin	ng and precise unit details	have changed over the years, so equivalent old	units are also shown
current	(equivalent or		units which must be passed
unit	approximately		before this one can be
number	equivalent to old unit		taken
	number)		
CS 30	CS 10	maintain the chain saw	-
CS 31 a	part of CS 11	fell small trees (conifer)	CS 30
CS 31 b	part of CS 11	fell small trees (broadleaf)	CS 30
CS 32 a	part of CS 12	fell medium trees (conifer)	CS 31
CS 32 b	part of CS 12	fell medium trees (broadleaf)	CS 31
CS 33 a	part of CS 13	fell large trees (conifer)	CS 32
CS 33 b	part of CS 13	fell large trees (broadleaf)	CS 32
CS 34	part of CS 14	Sever individually uprooted trees	CS 32
CS 35	part of CS 14	Sever multiple windblown trees including leaning half blown, broken & hung up trees	CS 32
CS 36	CS 16, parts of CS 11, 12, 13	cross-cut and stack produce	CS 30
CS 37	part of CS 12, CS 13, CS 21	breakdown medium sized broad-leafed crowns	CS 36
CS 38	SCOTVEC 88157	climb trees and perform aerial rescue	-
CS 39	CS 22	Use of the chainsaw from a rope and harness	CS 38, either CS 31 or CS 37
CS 40	AA 8	carry out pruning operations	CS 38, CS 39
CS 41	AA 9	Undertake sectional felling operations	CS 38, CS 39
CS 42		Carry out stump protection using stump protection fluids	
CS 43		Felling Utility poles	
CS 44		Felling standing stems	
CS 45		Arboricultural ground worker	
CS 46		Re-pollarding at a max height of 5m	
CS 47		Use of chainsaw from a Mobile Elevated Work Platform	CS30,31, Use of a MEWP
CS 48		Use of powered pole pruners	
CS 50		Techniques for dealing with damaged trees	

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Name & Address of Company	Contact Details	Staff Qualifications & Experience				Membership & Category   Professional			Work Done T-Tree Consultancy. M=Land Management. O=Other				
			AA	ICF	other	=	Т	M	0				
Treecare IW Ltd 42 West Street Newport IW PO30 1PR	Mick Jones T: 01983 520075 F: 09183 520378  admin@treecareiw .plus.com	C&G Phase II Arboriculture(1989) RHS Horticulture Parts I & II RFS Certificate in Arboriculture (Theory) Credit(2000) Sub-consultant Paul Sivell RFS Dip Arb(1976)	Affil Memb			£5 million	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	Woodland management & planting schemes.				
ArbAdvice (TreeCraft) Wydcombe Manor West, Newport Road Whitwell Isle of Wight PO38 2NY	Ben Riches. PD Arb, MArborA Tel:01983 730773 M: 07773 195172 ben@ArbAdvice.c o.uk www.ArbAdvice.co .uk	ABC/RFS Level 6 Professional Diploma in Arboriculture. Certificate in Professional Tree Inspection. ISA Certified Arborist. NPTC Assessor. NPTC Examiner of Arboricultural Equipment (LOLER Inspector). IW Trading Standards Buy With Confidence	Prof Memb		ISA Prof Memb	£500,000	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	Development site surveys to BS5837:2005, Tree safety surveys and Inspections (including inspection of aerial parts [climbing]) Tree Preservation Order applications, appeals and objections, Planting schemes				
Wayne Isaacson Glenrae Main Road Wellow, Yarmouth PO41 0TE	Wayne Isaacson T:01983 760669 M:07714460269	ABC Level 3 Technicians Certificate in Arboriculture. (Merit)	Tech Memb			£1 million	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	Professional arboricultural advice and consultancy				
MJC Tree Services Ltd 89 Hampton Lane Blackfield Southampton SO45 1WL	Mark Carter MICFor. MRICS M.Arbor.A. Dip.Arb. (RFS) T: 02380 897763 mjc@mjctreeservi ces.co.uk  www.mjctreeservic es.co.uk	Chartered Arboriculturist (2006). Chartered Surveyor (2008) Royal Forestry Society Professional Diploma in Arboriculture (2005). Licensed operator of the Quantified Tree Risk Assessment System.	Prof Memb	Prof Memb	RFS	£5 million	<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>	Full arboricultural consultancy service including development site tree surveys to BS5837:2005, tree safety surveys and risk assessments, mortgage /subsidence reports, planting schemes, Tree Preservation Order applications appeals and objections & woodland management.				

ACD Arboriculture Surrey Place, Mill Lane, Godalming, Surrey GU7 1EY	Mark Welby T:01483 425714 M:07796832490 F:01483 424384 m.welby@acdarb. co.uk		Prof Memb	ISA Prof Memb	£5 million	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	Professional arboricultural advice and consultancy
Bernie Harverson Arboricultural Consultant 3 Foxcombe Cottages South Harting West Sussex GU31 5PL	Bernie Harverson T:01730 825297 M:07875520881 bernie.harverson @virgin.net	National Diploma in Arboriculture (1976)			£2 million	<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>	Professional arboricultural advice and consultancy

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Name & Address of Company	Contact Details		aff Qualifications & Experience	Employers Public Liability Liability Insurance Insuranc e		ity P=Planting.		
Barlow Tree Surgery 16 Dall Square Freshwater PO40 9AR	Graham Barlow T: 01983 753788 M: 07766 731938  barlowtreesurgery @yahoo.co.uk	Graham Barlow CS30,31a,b, 36,38, 39,40,41 Paul Rolfe, CS30, 1&2. 31,36, 38,39,41 Gary Underhill CS30, 31a,b, 38	C&G Phase II Arboriculture & Science (2003) La Certificate in Professional Tree Inspection NF Certificate of Competence in Brushwood Chipper Operations Level 2  Ben Davies CS30.1 CS30.2 CS38	PTC millio	£5 million	S.D.F.P. Removal of diseased elms, scrub clearance,		
Diamond Isle Garden Services DIGS 16 Highfield Road Cowes, PO31 7UF	Darren Sharpe T: 01983 293134 M: 07976 528451	CS30,31b, 38, 39(1997)	NPTC PA1,6a(1996) C&G Arboriculture (1995)		£5 million	S.D.F.P.W.		
Diamond Isle Garden Services DIGS 51 Longmead Road Ryde, PO33 2TW	Michael Jenner T: 01983 566831 M: 07976 520670	CS30,31b, 38, 39(1997)	NPTC AE1 (2001)		£5 million	S.F.P.W.D.		

Landscape Therapy/ Island Hedgerows Middleham, Wilmingham Lane, Freshwater PO40 9UQ	Tony Ridd T: 01983 760011 M: 07966 292334 tony@landscapeth erapy.co.uk	Tony Ridd CS10, 11,32a, b, 38	NPTC PA1, PA, PA6a	£10 million	£2 million	P.W. Specialise in woodland & hedgerow management.
Nigel Earley Services 2 Grove Cottages Warlands Lane Shalfleet PO30 4NG	Nigel Earley T: 01983 531434  nigelearleyservices @tiscali.co.uk	Nigel Earley CS10,11,20,21,2 2,38,39,41	Horticulture, C&G Phase II Arboriculture, C&G Brushwood Chipper Level 2 C & G Level 1 & 2. Cert of Competence to Climb Trees and Perform Aerial Rescue Lantra Awards Woodchippers Refresher	£10 million	£5 million	S.D.F.P.W. Wood chipping, stump removal.
		Joe Flynn CS30.1&2, 31,38,39,41	Woodchippers Refresher  Lantra Chainsaw Maintenance & Cross-cutting. Lantra Awards Basic Tree Survey and Inspection Certificate NPTC Certificate of Competence in Brushwood Chipper Operations Level 2 City & Guilds in Streetworks Excavation and Reinstatement			
ArbAdvice (TreeCraft) Wydcombe Manor West, Newport Road Whitwell Isle of Wight PO38 2NY	Ben Riches PD Arb, MArborA 01983 730773 07773 195172 ben@arbadvice.co. uk www.ArbAdvice.co. uk	Ben Riches CS30,31a,b, 32a,b, 36,(1999) 38,39,(2000) 40,41,(2003)	ABC/RFS Level 6 Professional Diploma in Arboriculture Certificate in Professional Tree Inspection ISA Certified Arborist NPTC Assessor NPTC Examiner of Arboricultural Equipment (LOLER Inspector) IW Trading Standards Buy With Confidence	£10 million	£5 million	S.D.F.P.W. Professional arboricultural advice and consultancy Cobra Bracing, Arboricultural and Forestry Training
J.Cole Fencing 42 Lake Hill Sandown PO36 9HS	Joe Cole Tel: 01983 403798 M: 07747 861 511	CS30,1&2, 31, 38, 39.			£5 million	S.D.F.P. Fencing, Landscaping, All types of tree work.
Ascender Arborists 37 St Marys Road Cowes PO31 7ST	Dave Budden Tel: 07717018668	Dave Budden CS30,31, 32 a,b, 33,34,36,38,39, 40,41,47	Lantra Cert Basic Tree Survey and inspection. NPTC Level 3 Cert in examination of arb equipment. Unit 1 &2. IPAF Cert in use of MEWPs. Treevolution Certs in advanced Tree Climbing Techniques & Equipment and Arb, Dismantling Techniques. Unit002 Street signing, guarding & lighting. Arboriculture & Bats2012. Risk assessment for Commercial Arboriculture2012. First Aid at Work2010.		£5 million	S.D.F.P.W.

Vectis Tree Specialists Winters Wicket Main Road Havenstreet, PO33 4DT	H J Winter T: 01983 882115	H J Winter CS30, 31a, b, 36,(1999)		£1 million	£2 million	S.D.F.P. Fencing, clearance.
Islandwide Grounds  Maintenance Ltd  1 Lee Brickyard Cottage, Main Road, Bouldnor, Yarmouth PO41 0XN	John Gustar T: 01983 761766 F: 01983 527836 admin@iwgm.co.uk	John Gustar CS20,21,22 (1992) 38, FTC Unit 10-22 John Tasker CS20,21,22, (1991), 38, 39, FTC Unit 10-22  Aaron Gustar CS30.1&2, 31,38,39 Joe Reily CS30,31 David Kalaker & Kevin Percy CS30,31 Louise Gustar  Ann Gustar Stuart Routledge CS30,31,38,39	C&G NPTC level2 Tree Climbing & aerial rescue, C&G Horticulture Phase I, Env Agency wildlife, bush & tree cutting, Spanset/EA fall restraint training, plant forklift, C&G NPTC level2 Tree Climbing & aerial rescue, dismantling ops, C&G Amenity Horticulture Phase I, II Yr3. NPTC PA1,6a, Env Agency wildlife, bush & tree cutting, Spanset/EA fall restraint training, plant forklift, C&G NPTC dismantling ops, Wood chipper, Env Agency wildlife, bush & tree cutting, Spanset/EA fall restraint training, plant forklift, Wood chipper, Spanset/EA fall restraint training, Wood chipper, Env Agency wildlife, bush & tree cutting, Spanset/EA fall restraint training Wood Chipper, Env Agency wildlife, bush & tree cutting, Spanset/EA fall restraint training Wood Chipper, Env Agency wildlife, bush & tree cutting, Spanset/EA fall restraint training Level3 Diploma in Arboriculture, C&G NPTC dismantling ops, plant forklift,	£10 million	£10 million	S.D.F.P.W.
Dryad Treework The Flat, Brighstone Stores Main Road Brighstone PO30 4AH	Matthew Huxley Tel: 01983 740307 M: 07810495036 dryad.treework@ho tmail.co.uk	Matthew Huxley CS30.1, 30.2, 31, 32, 38, 39 41 Ed Mumford CS30, 31, 38	Certificate of Arborist Ergonomics	£10 million	£5 million	S.D.F.P.W. Tree work, Forestry work
The Green Butler 118 Clarence Road East Cowes PO32 6HB	Jason Butler T: 01983 282795 M: 07967 953245 green.butler@yaho o.co.uk	Jason Butler CS30, 31a,b, 36 (2003) 32 (2005)	BTEC National Diploma in Rural Studies NPT Cert of Competence in use of Pesticides C&G Arboriculture practical and written Horticulture Phase 2		£5 million	S.D.F.P.W.

Living Landscapes 3 Great Park Farm Cottages, Betty Haunt Lane Newport PO30 4HR	Tom Murphy T: 01983 528192 M: 07968 586535 enquiries@livinglan dscapesiow.co.uk  www.livinglandscap esiow.co.uk	Tom Murphy CS30, 31a,b,36,	NPTC PA1,PA6, AO1 planting. FastCo Woodchipper operation,HND Rural resource management. ABC Level 2 Cert in Arboriculture, C&G Cert of Competence to Climb Trees & Aerial Rescue, C&G Use of Chainsaw from a Rope & Harness, C&G Planting. Buy With Confidence Approval Certificate.		£5 million	S.D.F.P.W. Hedgelaying, planting plans, conservation management plans, Habitat creation & restoration, Living willow sculpture, Rustic woodwork, Spraying.
Wayne Isaacson Treework Glenrae Main Road Wellow Yarmouth PO41 0TE	Wayne Isaacson T: 01983 760669 M: 07714 460269	Wayne Isaacson CS10,11,12,13, 14,15, 20,21,22, 37,38, 40,41 (1999)	C&G Phase II Arboriculture (1999) RFS Cert Arboriculture (Theory) (2000) C& G Competence in the Safe Use of Pesticides, C&G Competence in Brushwood Chipper Operations, StJohn Ambulance First Aid at Work	£10 million	£5 million	S.D.F.P.W. Stump removal
Russell Page Park Lane Seaview PO34 5LT	Russell Page T: 01983 614613 F: 01983 568384 M: 07968 321829 russelljohnpage@a ol.com	Russell Page CS30,31a, b, 38,39,(1997) Jason Cox CS10,11,30,31a, b, 39 Peter Williams CS30,31b,39 (1997) Trevor Rugg 30,31b,(1997)	NPTCPA1,PA6a,(1996) AE1 (2001)  NPTC Unit 1(Tree Climbing) 2003) NPTC Unit 2 (conduct Aerial Rescue) (2003)  NPTC AE1 (2001)  NPTC AE1 (2001) NPTC PA1 (1996) NPTC PA6A (2001)	£10 million	£10 million	F.P.W. Stump grinding & removal
Treecare IW Ltd 42 West Street Newport PO30 1PR	Mick Jones T: 01983 520075 F: 01983 520378  admin@treecareiw. plus.co.uk	Mick Jones CS20,21,22,(199 6) 38,39,40,41, (1999) Joel Middlehurst CS30,31a,b,32a, b,38. Paul White CS30,31a,b 32a.b,36,38, 39,(1998) 40,41,(1999)	NPTC PA1,PA6a,(1990) C&G Phase II Arboriculture, (1989) RHS Horticulture Parts I&II, RFS Cert Arboriculture (Theory) (2000)  NVQ Environmental Conservation (Landscapes & Ecosystems) Level III, (1997) C&G Phase II Arboriculture,	£10 million	£5 million	S.D.F.P.W. Climbing tree inspections & reports, chipping, stump removal, scrub clearance, tractor/Seppi flail, Becker root hook, JCB digger.

Richard Payne Tree Surgery & Garden Services. 12 Yaverland Close Sandown, PO36 8QF	Richard Payne 01983 405776 07765 045100 rpts74@yahoo.co.u k	CS 10,11 14,15,16, 38,39. (2	, (1993) 005)	BTEC 1 <sup>st</sup> Diploma in Forestry. National Cert in Horticulture. PA1 & 6A Knapsack spraying, herbicidal tre			£5 million	S.D.F.P.W. Arboriculture, Forestry, Fencing, Hedging, Maintenance, Gardening, Dismantling	
CT Garden Services 11 Long Orchard Marlborough Road Ryde, PO33 1FH	Chris Trickey Tel: 01983 567258 M: 07742317000 info@ctgs.org.uk	CS 30.1, 38.1.2,39 Steve Mc CS38	)			£10 million	£5 million	S.F.P. Hard & soft landscaping, Fencing, Clearance, Hedge cutting, Dead elm removal, Stump removal.	
Orchard Tree Services 13 Winton Street Ryde, PO33 2BX	David Cobb Tel: 01983 567631 M: 07788840842 davidcobb67@hot mail.com	CS30.1,	30.2, 31				£2 million	F. Stump grinding, Hedge trimming, Garden clearance (Waste Carriers License)	
Gavin Harris Tree Work and Ground Maintenance 20 Blythe Way Shanklin PO37 7NJ	Gavin Harris Tel: 01983 863869 M: 07811422467	CS30.1, 3	30.2, 31,				£5 million	S.D.F.P.W. All types of tree work and garden work undertaken	
ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL TREE TEAM – TIMBER MERCHANTS LIST Timber merchants dealing in local timber. (Please Note: Inclusion on this list does not denote Council 'approval')									
Clifford J Matthews Ltd Moorhills Farm Whitwell, Ventnor PO38 2NY			Peter Matth 1: 01983 7: 1: 01983 7:	Specialising in designing manufacturing and installing large external wooden structures using Island timber.					
Timbercraft Ashengrove Calbourne Calbourne PO30 4HU			David Coates         De           T: 01983 531825         sp           F: 01983 531825         ord			Design of construction of timber-frame buildings; specialising in local grown hardwoods – sawn to order; kiln-dried local timber; supply of decking & pressure treated timber			