

## 1 The headline benefits you'll get



Tree Risk-Benefit  
Validator

Training takes 2 days

16 hours of CPD/CEU + Certification

Cost £570

- 1) Accredited as a Validator for 5 years - there are no additional annual fees
- 2) The Tree Risk App will print your Detailed Assessment reports
- 3) A **Validator Tree Risk-Benefit Management Strategy** that gives you a protective umbrella for your reports and fee proposals. The Strategy does more than 95% of your assessment work for you
- 4) Listing in our **Find an Arborist** directory - Government Validators aren't listed unless they want to have their contact details made public
- 5) Access to the Community page of the website, where you go to get help, chat about improvements or exchange ideas, and get TreeCalc support

### 1.1 What we're going to do

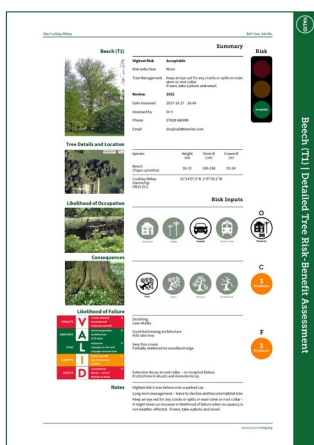


2 Two of the core aims in the training are. First, to get you comfortable carrying out Active Assessments. Particularly, going from a Basic to a Detailed Assessment, which is when you use the Tree Risk App. We'll spend a lot of time over the two days getting you used to the App. Making good decisions about the Likelihood of Occupancy, Consequences, and Likelihood of Failure. The App does the rest.

3 Second, getting to grips with VALID's **Tree Risk-Benefit Management Strategies**. If you assess risk, so you can use your Validator Strategy to add value to your service. If you manage trees, so you can adopt a Strategy. The main training areas are:

- All you need to know about tree risk and how to measure it
- The management strategies and levels of Active Assessment
- How to drive the App
- Likelihood of Occupancy calibration in the field
- How each letter of VALID, Vitality, Anatomy, Load, Identity, and Decay helps you with your likelihood of failure decision-making
- Biomechanics and how to use TreeCalc to calculate tree safety factors
- Likelihood of Failure calibration in the field

Last thing you do - a live firing exercise as though instructed by a client.



### 1.2 What you'll need to bring along

We're going to be outside quite a lot playing with the App

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- Tablet/smartphone (iOS or Android) - don't forget your charger
- Waterproofing for your tablet/smartphone (in case it rains)
- Clothes and footwear suitable for the weather on the day
- Something to take notes with
- Tree measuring equipment that you usually use

### 1.3 After training

You'll need to complete these three tasks

- 5 After training, you'll need to do these three things:
  - 1) A Detailed Assessment of a tree of your choice using the App
  - 2) A video of Very High, High, and Moderate Likelihood of Occupancy
  - 3) A TreeCalc of a tree with decay and an early-mature tree with no decay

### 1.4 Lunch

We'll shout you coffee or tea  
You'll need to sort out your lunch

- 6 You'll need to bring along a packed lunch on both days, or grab something to eat whilst we're out (there'll be plenty of options). Being free of catering frees us up so you can get the most value out of the training. Around lunchtime on both days, we're going to be driving or walking a short distance to a site for outside exercises.