We had an excellent two days. David knows his stuff, and provides a refreshing perspective on long-held points of view.

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**What you’re going to do**

The training has two main aims:

1) To get you comfortable using the App so that you can carry out Detailed Tree Risk-Benefit Assessments with it, and get it to write your reports for you. This is what we’ll be spending most of the time doing.

2) Also, to get to grips with the Tree Risk-Benefit Management package. If you assess trees, so you can ‘sell’ it as an asset to help your clients. If you manage trees, so you can adopt it.

The main training areas are:

- All you need to know about tree risk and how to measure it
- The management packages and levels of assessment
- How to drive the App
- ‘Likelihood of Occupation Club’ calibration and ‘target’ zoning
- How Vitality, Anatomy, Load, Identity, and Defect affect likelihood of failure decision-making
- Applied biomechanics and how to calculate tree safety factors
- ‘Likelihood of Failure Club’ calibration
- Case studies and risk reduction management
- Last thing we do - a live firing exercise as though instructed by a client

**What you’ll need to bring along**

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

**The Test**

The test is three exercises that you need to do before you become listed as a Tree Risk-Benefit Validator on the website directory. They are;

1) A Detailed Assessment of a tree of your choice using the App.

2) A video of Very High, High, and Moderate Likelihood of Occupation, shared by cloud-based drive.

3) A TreeCalc assessment of a tree with decay, and an early-mature tree with no decay.

**Lunch**

You’ll either need to bring along a packed lunch on both days, or grab something to eat whilst we’re out. 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. There’ll be plenty of opportunities to get something to eat nearby, or on the way.