



**I S Tom Thompson (known as Tom) BSc (Hons Arb), MSc eFor, MArborA Cert Arb**

**1 QUALIFICATIONS**

Subjects	Level	Dates
Bond Solon Expert Witness Training (CUBS)	Pass	2017
International Society of Arboriculture Certified Arborist	Pass	May – 2012
Professional Tree Inspection Course (LANTRA)	Pass	April - 2011
BSc Hons Arboriculture	(2.1)	2008 - 2009
FdSc Arboriculture	Distinction	2004 - 2007
MSc. Environmental Forestry (MSc eFor)	Pass	2001 - 2002
BSc. Hons Env Science (Conservation Management)	(2.2)	1997 - 2000
Forestry & Practical Environmental Skills	NVQ I & II	1996 – 1997

**2 CAREER SUMMARY**

Tom Thompson is a professional member of the Arboricultural Association (AA), an International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Certified Arborist, Chairman of the Consulting Arborist Society (CAS), and a member of the Institute of chartered Foresters (ICF).

He was worked in the private and public sector, before setting up Arbor Cultural in 2014, to promote the value and benefits of trees.

He currently heads up the BIM4Arb group promoting Building Information Modelling (BIM) to the arboricultural industry.

He then spent five years working in new woodland creation, firstly for ADAS in the National Forest and then for 18 months with the Forestry Commission in Cobham, Kent. During this time, he began a degree in Arboriculture through Myerscough College.

This course enabled him to make the transition from forestry to arboriculture where he spent 5 years as a tree officer, firstly at St Albans and then more recently at King’s Lynn and West Norfolk. He joined Connick Tree Care in May 2012, where he now works as an Arboricultural Consultant.

Having worked as the principal tree consultant at Connick tree care for two years he established Arbor Cultural Ltd. In 2014, to provide professional advice in all aspect of tree consultancy, to enable clients to obtain planning permission, house purchase completion, and successfully address all tree related health and safety matters. He is passionate about trees and he is keen to promote the economic value and benefits of the urban forest.

**3 AREAS OF COMPETENCE**

- Tree hazard risk assessments for tree owners
- Decay Detection Testing and Advance Tree Surveys
- Mortgage and Insurance reports to assess the influence of trees on buildings
- Pre-development site surveys and arboricultural implication studies
- Tree management reports to prioritise maintenance programs
- Tree related insurance claims
- Diagnosis of tree disorders



#### 4 SELECTED CONTINUAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Expert Witness Conference	Bond Solon	Nov	2018
AA Registered Consultant Workshop	AA	Nov	2018
iTree Seminar	Barcham Nursery	Nov	2018
Tree Officer's Conference	LTOA and ICF	Nov	2018
Tree Safety and Beyond	MTOA & Frank Rinn	Sept	2018
Hollow Tree Workshop	AA with Ted Green & Frank Rinn	July	2018
Claus Mattheck Workshops	Sorbus	June	2018
Expert Witness Conference	Bond Solon	Nov	2017
Decay Workshops	MTOA & Frank Rinn	Sept	2017
Mortgage Report Writing	LANTRA and CAS	June	2017
Tree Biomechanics (Germany)	Claus Mattheck, Symbiosis	May	2014
Report Writing	CAS John Houch	May	2014
Young Tree Establishment	CAS Various	May	2014
Mortgage Report Writing	Treelife Training	April	2014
Tree Biomechanics (Germany)	Claus Mattheck	Oct	2013
Risk Assessment; D Lonsdale & J Barrel	ISA & CSA	June	2013
BS5837 Training	Tree Life Training	May	2013
Pests and Diseases Road Show	Arboricultural Association	April	2013
Subsidence; Giles Biddle Part 2	Arboricultural Association	April	2013
Arboricultural Consultancy Course	Arboricultural Association	April	2013
Subsidence; Giles Biddle Part 1	Arboricultural Association	June	2013
Tree Pruning – Ed Gilman	Barcham Nursery	June	2012
Up by Roots – James Urban	ISA	May	2012
Tree Biomechanics – Claus Mattheck	Symbiosis	May	2012
BS 5837 2012 & Tree Regs Changes	Arboricultural Association	May	2012
BS 3998 Changes to Standard	London Tree Officers Association	May	2012
Bat Course for Arboriculturalists	AA & Bat Conservation Trust	April	2012
Tree Biomechanics (Germany)	Claus Mattheck	Oct	2011
Urban Forest–Climate Change, Shade & SUDS	Peter MacDonagh	Sept	2011
Arb Consultancy Report Writing	Consulting Arb Society	July	2011
Perfect Roots & Tree Growth	Gary Watson	June	2010
Fungi Recognition and Response	Tree Life Training	May	2010
Visual Tree Assessment	Claus Mattheck	May	2010
Arboriculture in Planning	Arb Solution	April	2010
Trees and the Law - Charles Minors	Barcham Nursery	Oct	2009
Tree Related Subsidence	Tree Life Training	Oct	2009
CAVAT as a management tool	NATO	Sept	2009
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THREATS Tree Assessment	JFL Arboriculture	Aug	2009
BS 5837 (Trees in Relation to Construction)	Tree Life Training	Jul	2009
Trees and Hard Surfaces	NATO	June	2009
BS 5837 (Trees in Relation to Construction)	Richard Nicholson	May	2009

#### 5. PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Arboricultural Association (AA) Professional Member	since 2008
International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Certified Arborist	since 2012
Consulting Arborists Society (CAS)	since 2014
Institute of Chartered Foresters	since 2018
Royal Forestry Society	since 1999