



Professional Background (Summary)

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I am the **Principal Arboricultural consultant** for ACS Consulting (London), a specialist consultancy practice established in 2000. I have been professionally concerned in arboriculture and forestry since 1979. Included within my experience is a 13 year period of practical arboriculture and forest management including two years at Queen Elizabeth II's estate Sandringham, a 6 year period as a Local Government Arboricultural Officer and I have been an independent arboricultural consultant since 1997. I have studied and worked solely in the field of arboriculture.

I hold a National Diploma in Arboriculture obtained from Merrist Wood Agricultural College 1984.

I hold the Professional Diploma in Arboriculture of the Royal Forestry Society of England and Wales obtained 1997.

I am a Fellow of the Arboricultural Association since 1997.

I am an Arboricultural Association Registered Consultant since 1999.

I am a Chartered Forester/Arboriculturalist since 2005.

I have been a Board member of the International Society of Arboriculture's UK and Ireland Chapter since 1992-2004 and I am a founder member of the UK&I Chapter. I have served on the Professional and Commercial Committees of the Arboricultural Association 1994 - 2001. I am an associate member of the London Tree Officers Association.

During the normal course of my everyday work, I am regularly requested to provide qualitative appraisals of tree stock, assess trees in relation to proposed development, building damage and subsidence, comment on tree condition and prognosis, assess tree stability and hazard potential. I regularly represent corporate and individual clients at Informal Hearings, Public Inquiries and by Written Representations, both in respect of proposed development and Tree Preservation Order applications.

A significant part of my work also includes prescribing tree management specifications ranging from individual specimens to high quantity Local Authority tree stocks and woodland management plans.