

Appendix I Abridged CV: Qualifications and Experience

I S Tom Thompson 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
Environmental Studies	Access Course	1996	1997
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 an associate 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 worked as their Principal Arboricultural Consultant.

Having worked as the principal tree consultant at Connick tree care for two years he established Arbor Cultural Ltd. In 2014, with the intent to provide professional advice in all aspects 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 assessment and mapping
- 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
- Arboricultural Expert Witness



4 Selected Continual Professional Development

Tom continually keeps up to date with regular in person and online training to exceed the requirements of all his professional membership.

These are UK, European, and American based trainings.

He regularly attends conferences, and networking events to share and discuss current and future developments on the arboricultural industry and associated industries.

Subjects covered include:

- Tree Risk Assessment
- Decay Detection Equipment
- Tree Biomechanics
- Tree Pull Testing
- Expert Witness
- Pest and Diseases
- Tree Valuation and Economics
- Veteran Tree Management
- Tree Population Management
- Building Information Modelling
- Digital Practice
- Business Management
- Trees and Buildings
- Tree Law and Policy
- Soil and Tree Interaction
- Tree Pruning Practices
- Biodiversity and Wildlife
- Designing with Trees
- Young Tree Establishment

Training Providers Include but are NOT Limited to:

- Arboricultural Association
- Consulting Arborist Society
- International Society of Arboriculture
- Municipal Tree Officers
- London Tree Officers
- LANTRA
- Rinntech
- Claus Mattheck / IML
- Frank Rinn / Rinntech
- Landscape Institute

5. Professional Affiliations

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