Arboriculture Courses
2018-19
Arboriculture at Merrist Wood College

Merrist Wood College was established in 1943 and the first arboriculture courses were offered over fifty years ago in 1968. Since then over 10,000 arboriculture students have trained at Merrist Wood and now practice throughout the UK and across the world, bringing the College a national and international reputation for arboriculture training.

The arboriculture department has forged strong industrial associations with major equipment manufacturers such as Teufelberger, Stihl, DMM and New England ropes. This ensures that the latest innovations in tree care equipment are available for student use, along with technical information to support this. The main sponsor is leading arboricultural equipment supplier Honey Brothers, which enables the department to purchase premium tree care products for you to use and evaluate, whilst also maintaining best value training costs for you.

Practical work is undertaken in the grounds of the 400 acre Merrist Wood estate and on specialist work sites which are also used to provide realistic tree care and management settings. Our teaching staff have a wealth of industry experience, dedication to education and a passion for tree care. Coupled with professional qualifications, this results in a learning experience you could only get from Merrist Wood.
Arboriculture
Level 2 Diploma - Full-time

This course is suitable for anyone needing practical training and knowledge of arboriculture for work in the arboriculture industry.

**Course Content**
- Estate Maintenance
- Industry experience
- Conservation of British habitats
- Machinery operations
- Undertaking ecological surveys and techniques
- Understanding ecology of trees, wood and forests
- Business studies

Assessment is through project work and written practical tests.

**Entry requirements**
A range of GCSE’s (3 to 4) at grades D-E or equivalent, to include Maths and English.

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Please note: All students aged 19 years or over on 1 September in the first year of their course are expected to pay tuition, registration, exam fees and all other course related costs. Some assistance with these costs may be available depending on your circumstances and the latest government funding position (see www.merristwood.ac.uk for details). There are normally no tuition, registration or examination fees to pay if you are aged 16-18 on 1 September in the first year of your course and are a British or European Union resident.
Arboriculture
Level 3 Diplomas

These courses allow students to gain vital experience of the industry at first hand and to put their training into practice. Following this, study will concentrate on the techniques and depth of knowledge needed by the professional arboriculturist.

Course Content

- Advanced arboricultural operations
- Business
- Forest and woodland skills
- Habitat management
- Identification planting & establishment
- Investigative project
- Operate specialist forestry & arb machinery
- Planting & aftercare & protection
- Pests and diseases
- Silviculture
- Timber conversion & utilisation
- Trees and the law
- Tree felling & chainsaw use
- Tree inspection
- Tree science
- Tree shrub pruning
- Undertake arboricultural skills
- Understand principles of plant science
- Understand principles of soil science
- Work experience

Assessment on these courses is continuous, based on project work, written and practical skills tests.

Entry requirements

Students who enter with at least one of the following, are likely to benefit more readily from the programme.

- Arboriculture Level 2 Diploma at Merit or Distinction
- Four GCSE’s at grade 4 (grade C) or above, including Maths, English and one Science subject
- Relevant industry experience or qualifications

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Certificate in Arboriculture ABC
Part-time Level 2 Theory Only

This is a long standing, well recognised qualification, awarded to candidates successfully passing the theory based courses. The qualification is ideal for novices and experienced workers within the industry who are unable to commit time to studying a full-time course and those wishing to change career. To gain the full certificate all the NPTC units need to be completed.

The course consists of one day a week for 32 weeks covering the theory element of the course (ABC Certificate in Arboriculture – exclusive of NPTC training, registration and assessment).

Course Content

● Plant and soil science
● Tree biomechanics
● Pests and diseases
● Supply, planting and aftercare of woody plants
● Principles of tree surgery operations
● Tree inspections
● Trees and the law
● Woodlands, forestry and ecology
● Tree surgery operations and equipment
● Veteran trees

Entry requirements

3 GCSE’s at grade D-G or appropriate experience/knowledge gained in a related working subject.

Please fill in an Enrolment and Learning Agreement form for this course. If you are entitled for fee remissions then please fill in an Application for Remission of College Fees form.

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Please note that the cost of registration to ABC is £66, which is payable directly to them.
Arboriculture ABC
Level 4 Award and Certificate

This course provides the opportunity for acquiring and applying a broad and detailed technical knowledge in the science of arboriculture. Suitable for individuals in professional roles within the industry who require technical updating as part of their continuing professional development.

The course is one day per week for 32 weeks.

Assessment
The assessment involves practical and theory assignment work to complete a portfolio. Currently there are 2 units to complete to gain the Award and 5 units to complete to gain the Certificate.

The syllabus for the Award will cover:
- Tree management

The syllabus for the Certificate will cover:
- Pests, diseases and disorders identification
- Tree biomechanics and maintenance
- Woody vegetation formation and physiology
- Principals of tree management
- Selection planting and design

This information is set out for each examination in the ABC CENTRA syllabus www.abcawards.co.uk. The course provides a programme to develop and supplement the individual's self-study plan.

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Arboriculture ABC
Level 4 Diploma

This course provides the opportunity for acquiring and applying a broad and detailed technical knowledge in the science of arboriculture. Suitable for individuals in professional roles within the industry who require technical updating as part of their continuing professional development. You must have already gained the Level 4 Certificate (previous page) in order to progress onto this course.

The course is one day per week for 12 weeks.

Assessment
The assessment involves practical and theory assignment work to complete a portfolio.

Currently there are 3 units to complete the Diploma.

- Principles of woodland establishment and management
- Tree development and protection
- Tree related damage to built structures

This information is set out for each examination in the ABC CENTRA syllabus www.abcawards.co.uk. The course provides a programme to develop and supplement the individual’s self-study plan.

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Please note that the cost of registration to ABC is £126, which is payable directly to them.
Arboriculture ABC
Level 6 Certificate

This course has been developed in collaboration with industry, providers and Lantra for those learners working in arboriculture. It enables learners to progress to professional memberships, provides a stimulating and supportive environment to grow professionally, and improves job prospects by formalising professional skills and training. On completion of this course, learners will have the opportunity to progress onto the Level 6 Diploma which is also a one year course.

Course Content

- Selection, planting and design for amenity and landscape purposes
- Tree and hedge management
- Tree risk management

Optional units include: Woodland Management, Management of Special Trees, Structural Damage Investigations, Independent Research Project in Arboriculture, and more.

Assessment

The assessment for the majority of the qualification will be by internal assessment; therefore candidate’s will be submitting work to Merrist Wood College which will build up not only a knowledge resource for future work but also as a portfolio of evidence of completed work for your Certificate. The portfolio will also be used in external moderation to ensure the standard of the training centre is maintained.

Entry requirements

Ideally candidates will have completed the Level 4 Diploma in Arboriculture. However each candidate can discuss their personal qualifications and experience with the course tutor to establish their suitability for the course.

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Please note that the cost of registration to ABC is £88, which is payable directly to them.
Tree Surgery for Craftsmen
Level 2 (LASER) - 9 weeks

This short course requires full-time attendance for 9 weeks and covers all aspects of tree surgery at craft level. We encourage applications from students with prior experience of tree work, although this is not essential, provided they can work safely at heights. Students will have the opportunity to take some NPTC Units and a basic First Aid Certificate.

This course is very popular; please book early to avoid disappointment.

Course Content
- Tree work operations
- Ground work
- Tree biology
- Soils
- Pests, diseases and other tree problems
- Tree knowledge
- Tree work machinery

NPTC registration fees:
NPTC charge a registration fee for each certification of competence. The cost for registration is listed below. Payments for registrations will be collected during the course.

- Units 201/202 (previously CS30) Chainsaw Maintenance & Cross Cutting - £46.50
- Units 203 (previously CS31) Felling and Processing Trees up to 380mm - £31.00
- Units 206/306 (previously CS38) Tree Climbing & Rescue - £46.50
- Unit 308 (previously CS39) Aerial Cutting of Trees with a Chainsaw using Free-fall cuts - £31.00
- Unit 030509 Manually Fed Wood Chipper Operations - £31.00

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*This fee does not include assessment fees or equipment costs. Full protective equipment is required for this course costing approximately £480. We have an agreement with a local supplier that offers a discount and there will be an opportunity in the first week to visit this supplier.
Intermediate Apprenticeship – Arborist Standard

These Apprenticeships cover the main occupational areas within the trees and timber industry. This industry includes the establishment, care, maintenance and management of trees, woodlands and forests.

Course Content

- The benefits of trees
- The use and application of arboricultural equipment
- The principles of the establishment, growth and care of trees
- The principles and importance of identifying trees and the value of using their scientific names
- The principles and importance of identifying and managing pests, diseases and disorders
- Current environmental, wildlife and health and safety legislation, standards and codes of practice in relation to arboricultural works
- Legislation relating to trees e.g. Tree Preservation Orders and Conservation Areas
- Procedures and specific instructions for dealing with incidents and emergencies
- Electrical safety for working in the vicinity of power lines
**Practical Qualifications**

- Level 2 award in emergency first aid at work
- Level 2 award in safe use of brushwood chipper
- Traffic Management (NRSWA Unit 002 Signing, Lighting and Guarding) OR Sector Scheme 12D
- Level 2 award in chainsaw maintenance
- Level 2 award in crosscutting timber using a chainsaw
- Level 2 award in felling and processing trees up to 380mm
- Level 2 award in accessing a tree using a rope and harness
- Level 2 award in aerial tree rescue operations
- Level 3 award in aerial cutting of trees using free fall techniques
- Level 2 award in safe use of mobile elevated platform
- Level 3 award in use of a chainsaw from a Mobile Elevated Work Platform (MEWP)

**Assessment**
The assessment involves practical and written assessment at the end of the Apprenticeship.

**Entry requirements**
You should be working within the industry, with a qualified employer, and interested in developing your skills. Intermediate apprentices must have GCSE Maths and English at grade 3 (grade D) or above, or equivalent.

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Arboriculture Short Courses

Protective equipment – important

The following courses all require that trainees bring their own protective equipment that is in a good serviceable condition:

**PPE for climbing**
- A safety helmet with chin strap (HSE strongly recommends a mountaineering style helmet complying with BS EN 12492)
- Protective steel toe capped boots with a good grip and ankle support (complying with BS EN ISO 20345)
- Non-snag outer clothing
- Suitable gloves, if required

**PPE for chainsaw courses**
- Safety helmet (complying with BS EN 397 or BS EN 14052)
- Eye protection (mesh visor complying with BS EN 1731 or safety glasses to BS EN 166)
- Hearing protection (complying with BS EN 352)
- Chainsaw protective gloves (complying with BS EN381-7)
- Chainsaw protective leg protection Type C, incorporating chain-clogging material (complying with BS EN 381-5)
- Chainsaw protective boots with good grip and protective guarding at front vamp and instep (complying with BS EN 17249)
- Non-snag outer clothing

**Additional equipment**
- First Aid kit with whistle.
Chainsaw Maintenance and Cross Cutting (Training for NPTC Units 201 and 202)

This 2 day course is designed to prepare the novice chainsaw user for the NPTC Units 201 and 202 assessment. The cost includes all instruction and use of equipment but not NPTC registration and assessment fees or use of personal protective clothing, which can be hired from the college at extra cost.

**Course Content**

- Identifying, inspecting and commenting on key parts of the chainsaw
- Preparing and operating the chainsaw to work safely without risk to the user, other people and the environment
- Carrying out daily and routine maintenance on the chainsaw
- Operating the chainsaw safely, effectively and comfortably in accordance with the practical risk assessment
- Identifying risk assessments and emergency procedure on a work site

An opportunity to book your NPTC assessment date will be offered to you on your course. NPTC registration and assessment fee £156.50.

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Tree Felling
(Training for NPTC Unit 203)

This 3 day course is designed to prepare the novice chainsaw user for the NPTC Unit 203 assessment. The cost includes all instruction and use of equipment but not NPTC registration and assessment fees or use of personal protective clothing, which can be hired from the College at extra cost.

Course Content

- Risk assessments and emergency procedures on a work site
- Selecting and preparing equipment required for safe and effective felling
- Felling small trees safely and accurately using appropriate methods
- Felling trees weighted in the direction of fall using safe techniques
- Removing branches safely in a manner appropriate to the branching habit
- Crosscutting stems accurately and safely to a given length and diameter specification
- Stacking timber using appropriate manual handling techniques
- Taking down hung-up trees safely with appropriate hand tools

This course is intended for proficient chainsaw users. Although acknowledgement of competence by an NPTC assessment is not a prerequisite, you should ideally have experience using a chainsaw over and above the two day Chainsaw Maintenance and Cross Cutting course.

An opportunity to book your NPTC assessment date will be offered to you on your course. NPTC registration and assessment fee £141.00.

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Tree Climbing and Aerial Rescue  
(Training for NPTC Units 206 and 306)

This 5 day course is designed to prepare a novice or improve a standard climber for NPTC Units 206 and 306 assessment. The cost includes all instruction and use of equipment but does not include NPTC registration or assessment. Non-snag outer clothing and steel toe capped boots complying to EN 345-1 will need to be worn.

Course Content
- Risk assessments of tree climbing operations
- Legislation related to tree climbing
- Selecting, inspecting and using a range of tree climbing equipment and techniques
- Pre-climbing tree inspection
- Climbing a tree safely, moving around the crown and descending to the ground
- Carrying out aerial rescues from different situations

An opportunity to book your NPTC assessment date will be offered to you on your course. NPTC registration and assessment fee £156.50.

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Chainsaw Use from a Rope and Harness
(Training for NPTC Unit 308)

This 2 day course is designed to prepare an experienced climber/chainsaw operator for the NPTC Unit 308 assessment. The cost includes all instruction and use of equipment but not NPTC registration and assessment fees or use of personal protective clothing, which can be hired from the College at extra cost. Candidates must already possess NPTC Units 201, 202, 206 and 306. Proof of certification must be provided to the College before the start of the course.

Course Content

- Identifying, inspecting and commenting on key parts of the equipment to be used
- Preparing the equipment for use ensuring the safety of themselves, other people and the environment
- Operating a chainsaw whilst maintaining a working position within the crown of a tree using a rope and harness
- Performing a range of cutting techniques.

This course is intended for proficient tree climbers. Although competence acknowledgement by an NPTC assessment is not a prerequisite, you should ideally have climbing experience over and above a week long Tree Climbing and Aerial Rescue course.

An opportunity to book your NPTC assessment date will be offered to you on your course. NPTC registration and assessment fee £141.00.

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Aerial Tree Rigging

This 3 day course is designed to prepare trainees to identify and select the correct rigging equipment for the safe removal of tree sections using appropriate cuts. This course will also explain how to evaluate the tree for hazards as well as performing an assessment of working at height. The cost includes all instruction and use of equipment but not NPTC registration and assessment fees or use of personal protective clothing, which can be hired from the college at extra cost. Candidates must already possess NPTC unit 308.

Course Content

- Identifying, inspecting and commenting upon key parts of rigging equipment to be used
- Preparing the equipment for use ensuring the safety of themselves, other people and the environment
- Comment upon the structure, condition and properties of the tree(s) to be worked upon
- Setting up a rigging system in a tree and safely lowering branches to the ground

This course is intended for proficient tree climbers with experience of conducting tree work using a chainsaw. Attendees should hold NPTC certificate in competence in Tree Climbing and Aerial Rescue and Chainsaw Use from Rope and Harness.

An opportunity to book your NPTC assessment date will be offered to you on your course. NPTC registration and assessment fee £196.00.

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Chainsaw Refresher Day

An update on legislation, industry best practice, techniques and equipment. You must hold the relevant NPTC cert prior to attending.

**Assessment**
No formal assessment, a college certificate of attendance will be issued.

**Entry requirements**
Experienced chainsaw users over the age of 16. You must hold the relevant NPTC cert prior to attending.

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Emergency First Aid at Work and Forestry Element

This is a one day first aid course and is aimed at people who work in the land based industries. The course meets HSE requirements and includes certification which is valid for 3 years.

**Assessment**
Assessment will take place at the end of the day in the form of a short question and answer paper.

**Entry requirements**
No formal entry requirements.

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Manually Fed Wood Chipper Operations

This course is aimed at arborists, landscapers, grounds persons, estate workers and any other persons who may need to operate and maintain a manually fed wood chipper.

The course will cover basic generic and site risk assessments, current H&S legislation and PPE; however, it will consist mainly of the practical elements so you will be carrying out pre-start and post-operational checks, routine maintenance tasks and removal and replacement of the chipper knives. You will be asked to operate the wood chipper in a safe manner taking into account site and operator safety.

Assessment

NPTC Assessment can be integrated into the training.

Entry requirements

You must be 16 or over to participate in this training and assessment.

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Fungi and the Management of Trees of all Ages

This course is aimed at landscapers, local authority professionals involved with tree management, woodland officers, arboricultural and ecological consultants, landowners and individuals who have an interest in the care and management of trees.

Course Content
- The structural integrity of a tree
- Biological defence mechanisms
- The seasonal phenological cycle
- Complex information processing
- Biogenic volatile organic compound chemicals
- Decay and reaction wood growth responses
- The internal investigation of trees
- Risk management
- The morphology of veteran and ancient trees

Assessment
No formal assessment, a college certificate of attendance will be issued.

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Safe Use of Stump Grinders

This course is aimed at arborists, landscapers, grounds persons, estate workers and any other persons who may need to operate and maintain a stump grinder.

The course will cover basic generic and site risk assessments, current Health and Safety legislation and PPE. However, it will consist mainly of the practical elements so you will be carrying out pre-start and post-operational checks, routine maintenance tasks and removal and replacement of the grinding teeth. You will be asked to operate the stump grinder in a safe manner taking into account site and operator safety.

Assessment
NPTC Assessment can be integrated into the training.

Entry Requirements
No formal requirements but students must be over 16 years of age.

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Forest School Programme: Level 1 Award, Level 2 Award and Level 3 Certificate

The Level 1 Award is aimed at individuals with little or no experience of working in the outdoors, and aims to build knowledge and confidence in the safe use of equipment and tools.

The Level 2 Award is aimed at individuals who want to learn skills which will help them to assist a Forest School Leader in the delivery of forest school sessions in a woodland environment.

The Level 3 Certificate is aimed at anyone in a facilitating, teaching or a mentoring role with babies, early years, young children, adolescents or young people.

Assessment
You will be required to complete a portfolio of work for both of the Awards and the Certificate.

Entry requirements
You must have a link to a Forest School Leader to complete the Level 2 Award. You must have past experience of working with children in a work capacity to complete the Level 3 Certificate.

Course
Forest School Programme Level 1 Award

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Please note that protective clothing is essential for all courses. Clothing may normally be hired from the College - details will be sent nearer the start date of the course.

All courses are payable in advance. Fees are not normally refunded unless the course is cancelled by the College. The College reserves the right to cancel a course if there are insufficient numbers. Applicants affected will be notified and offered a refund or an alternative date.

Please note that the above fees DO NOT include NPTC registration and assessment fees.
Bespoke Training

A full range of bespoke training solutions are available for your business or individual needs including installation and maintenance of structural tree supports, ATV, First Aid (including forestry element) and grounds maintenance equipment. Whether it’s standard setting, skills updating or refresher courses we can cater for your specific needs.

Most courses usually require a minimum of four trainees. We can run courses at your venue if you wish.

Contact us on 01483 88 40 40 to discuss your training needs.
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Merrist Wood College is committed to the principles of equality and diversity for its learners and staff. This commitment underpins and impacts on every area of activity and influences how the College works and what it does. In accordance with the Equality Act 2006, Merrist Wood College will encourage and support the development of a society in which:

- People’s ability to achieve their potential is not limited by prejudice or discrimination
- There is respect for and protection of each individual’s human rights
- There is respect for the dignity and worth of each individual
- Each individual has an equal opportunity to participate in society
- There is mutual respect between groups based on understanding and valuing of diversity and on shared respect for equality and human rights.

This leaflet is available in other formats.
Please contact Information, Advice and Guidance on Tel: 01483 88 40 40

Please Note: Every attempt has been made to ensure the information contained in this leaflet is correct at the time of going to press. However, all aspects of the course are kept under review and readers are advised to contact the college to check the latest course details. September 2018.
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