



Ash Dieback and its current and future impact on local authorities across the UK



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Microsoft Teams

Programme

10:00 Session 1: 'Ash Dieback' – Just when we thought we had started to increase the UK Tree Cover

'Ash Tree Armageddon'

- The history of Ash Dieback
- The current spread
- The results of the APSE Ash Dieback survey

Wayne Priestley APSE Principal Advisor

Ash Dieback: How big is the issue?

- The arrival and progression of Ash Dieback in Scotland
- How will it impact on Scotland's Ash population
- Public and operator risks, corporate reputation
- Key points to consider

Clarinda Burrell, Tree Health Policy Implementation Officer, Scottish Forestry

The Need for an Ash Dieback Plan

- Are we prepared for impacts of Ash Dieback?
- Engaging with colleagues and the public
- Why do we need a plan and what should it include?

Jon Stokes, Director of Trees, Science & Research, Tree Council

11:15 Virtual Coffee Break

11:25 Session 2 Identifying the presence and potential impacts of Ash Die Back

An Innovative and Award-winning Risk Based Approach to Managing Ash Dieback.

- The urgent need to identify where the biggest risks are.
- Developing an innovative risk-based inspection technology with partners.
- Locating dangerous trees, fall zones and costs of actions needed
- Outcomes and added environmental benefits

Sophie Birchall-Rogerson, ADB Project Manager & Environmental Strategy Lead, Conwy County Borough Council.

Local Authority Ash Die Back Plans – What Stage are you at?

- Assessing the impact of ADB on our highways network and land holdings
- The current position we find ourselves in
- Resources and financial implications
- Next Steps.

Andy Whalley Arboricultural Officer, South Lanarkshire Council

12:15 Virtual Coffee Break

12:25 Session 3: Hope for the future

The Tree Health Pilot Scheme – working to slow the spread of pests and diseases in England.

- Support for local authorities dealing with ash dieback.
- What can I use the grant for?
- Dealing with other pests and diseases.

Future Farming Tree Health Policy, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra)

Offering hope for Britain's Ash Trees - The Living Ash Project

- The partners and aims of the project
- Work to date
- Ensuring a future for the UK's Ash Trees- How local authorities can play their part.

Dr. Jo Clark, Head of Research, Future Trees Trust

Developing and implementing a tree resilience strategy to deal with ash tree loss

- How will Ash Dieback affect the landscape of Devon?
- Promoting resilient treescapes for Devon – the work of the Devon Ash Dieback Resilience Forum
- Involving the community in ensuring future tree resilient areas.

Rosie Cotgreave, Devon Wildlife Trust Project Lead for Saving Devon Treescapes, Devon Wildlife Trust

Closing summary

Wayne Priestley, APSE Principal Advisor

13:45 Seminar close

Seminar Objectives

About this Event

This online seminar is an ideal opportunity for officers, elected members, local authority partners and trade unions to hear how councils across the UK are identifying the impact of Ash Dieback on their greenspaces and tree stocks as well as how the costs of dealing with Ash Dieback are being met.

With so many local authorities planning to increase their tree cover to help mitigate the effect of climate change, the potential loss of up to 95% of the UK's Ash trees could have significant impacts on attempts to increase tree cover and thereby reduce the ability to capture carbon emissions and mitigate against other harmful effects of climate change.

The aim of the seminar is to allow delegates to hear how other local authorities and national organisations are dealing with Ash Dieback. Each of the presenters has been 'hand-picked' for the work they are doing to identify and deal with dead and diseased ash trees as well as looking to the future. The presentations they will deliver, will provide a great deal of useful information for delegates to consider and hopefully implement in their own authorities through the creation of Ash Dieback Plans and practical operational Ash Dieback management, as well as developing strategies which deliver more resilient treescapes in the future.

With so many uncertainties facing local authorities, the impact of Ash Dieback is yet another challenge to meet. As such this seminar will help provide guidance and opportunities to listen to and speak with fellow colleagues about how to deal with Ash Dieback, and highlight, how potential solutions are being developed.

Who should attend?

- Officers who have a responsibility for, woodlands, parks and greenspaces, climate change, health and safety and community engagement.
- Those with responsibility for delivering corporate strategies
- Officers who are involved in delivering behavioural change/communications programmes.
- Anyone with an interest in environmental issues, climate change, community engagement and partnership development
- Elected members and officers with responsibility for corporate greenspaces, health and safety, partnership development and community engagement and corporate finance.

About the Seminar

This event will be hosted on MS Teams. All delegates will be asked to follow our [online protocols](#) to ensure fair access and enjoyment for all delegates. APSE will ensure timely breaks for delegates and presentations will be shared following the event by email. If any delegate needs a certificate of attendance for their personal development portfolio we would be happy to provide one upon request.

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| Commercial delegates: | £255 + VAT |

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