



Career summary

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Andy holds the National Certificate in Horticulture & Arboriculture, the Arboricultural Association Technician's Certificate and the Royal Forestry Society's Professional Diploma in Arboriculture, which is the premier qualification within the arboricultural profession. He is a Fellow of the Arboricultural Association, a Chartered Forester and a Chartered Environmentalist.

He has worked with trees for over 21 years, starting in Forestry with the National Trust and then moving into arboriculture. In 1991, he went to work in Germany for a year and a half before returning to work for Poole Borough Council as Assistant Arboricultural Officer. After a year in that post, he joined Keith Banyard, an AA Approved Contractor, where he was the Tree Surgery Manager. In 1995, he started his own Tree Surgery firm which ran very successfully for three years. The above part of his career provided him with valuable experience in the practical side of tree work as well as the management and business side of the industry.

In 1998, he started with East Dorset District Council as Assistant Arboricultural Officer, moving to Test Valley as the Senior Arboricultural Officer in 2001. After three years, he moved back to East Dorset as the Senior Tree Officer based in the Planning Department. In that post, he headed up the team, advising on all tree issues within the Council, including the management of Council owned trees.

He has been an expert witness at inquiries and in court proceedings, and represented the Council at numerous hearings. He joined Barrell Tree Consultancy in May 2007, bringing his public sector planning experience to the private sector. He has recently become an examiner for the RFS Professional Diploma, bringing his considerable planning experience to the education arena.

