



# Career summary

## **Chris Alder** MSc(Arb) BTEC HNDArb FARborA

Chris holds the Masters of Science Degree in Arboriculture and the Higher National Diploma in Arboriculture. He is a Fellow of the Arboricultural Association and an associate of The Institute of Chartered Foresters.

He has worked with trees for 19 years, starting out on a large estate gaining valuable practical experience of estate forestry and vegetation management. He then undertook the Higher National Diploma at Houghall College and, on graduating, took up the post of Assistant Tree Officer at East Dorset District Council, primarily employed to review tree preservation orders. He then moved to North Dorset District Council as the Trees and Landscape Officer where he had responsibility for protected trees, planning related issues and council-owned trees.

After four years, he moved to ADAS to take up the role of Lead Arboricultural Consultant within a multi-disciplinary team of ecologists, surveyors, soil and water engineers, and wildlife consultants. At ADAS, he worked with ecologists as part of a project team to provide solutions to a wide range of landowners in relation to infrastructure and development planning. Although focusing mainly on tree risk related issues, he also had experience of managing large scale tree surveys and resolving conflicts between utility/transport providers and tree owners. He was a main author of the DCLG research publication Trees in Towns II.

He joined Barrell Tree Consultancy in February 2008, bringing his varied experience to this specialist practice. He currently provides arboricultural advice in relation to planning and development issues, and also advises on the strategic management of Japanese knotweed.

