

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2008**  
**At The Town Hall, Reading RG1 1QH**

- ***Ring Barking*** *the impact on trees of damage to the bark*

The bark of a tree can be damaged by people and their machines, animals or natural events. Sometimes this is done deliberately to coerce the tree into a particular growth pattern, or to limit its life. More often the damage is not welcome, and the subsequent effects on the tree have to be managed.

Those responsible for trees should be equipped to:-

- identify real threats to trees
- protect trees from damage;
- seek to treat the cause(s) of the damage;
- repair the damaged tree.

This was described in the Tree Advice Trust's Arboricultural Practice Note *Girdling, Constriction and Ring Barking* (APN 13 Published in February 2008).

This conference will expand on the newly published guidance and should be of particular interest to

- local authority tree officers
- estate managers
- tree wardens
- landscape contractors
- arboricultural consultants

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<b>10.00</b>	<b>Coffee and Registration</b>	
<b>10.15</b>	<b>Introduction - a definition of damage</b>	<b>Bryan Wilson</b>
<b>10.30</b>	<b>The historic management of trees</b>	<b>Peter Savill</b>
<b>11.00</b>	<b>Damage to trees in nature</b>	<b>Harry Pepper</b>
<b>11.40</b>	<b>The effects of damage on growth</b>	<b>Brenda Mayle</b>
<b>12.10</b>	<b>The pathology of bark wounds</b>	<b>Brian Greig</b>
<b>13.00</b>	<b>Lunch and Networking</b>	
<b>14.00</b>	<b>Managing damage - intentional damage - accidental damage</b>	<b>Harry Pepper</b>
<b>14.45</b>	<b>Treatment, repair or avoidance of damage</b>	<b>Derek Patch</b>
<b>15.15</b>	<b>Legislative conflicts – TPO, Conservation Areas, Wildlife and Countryside Act</b>	<b>Peter Annett</b>
<b>16.00</b>	<b>Tea/coffee and Depart</b>	