

Curriculum Vitae

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Registered Consultant of the Arboricultural Association, Chartered Biologist and Chartered Arboriculturist.



Summary

An independent consultant, with experience in the UK, Europe and Asia. Jonathan has first class organisational and communication skills combined with an ability to deal with, and adapt quickly to new situations, locations and people. Jonathan's approach to his work is highly professional and his attention to detail and commitment to clients is renowned.

Expertise

- Legal Reports, Expert Witness Work, Planning Appeals and Public Enquiries.
- Personal Injury and Accident Investigation.
- Temperate, Tropical and Sub Tropical Arboricultural Management.
- Development Site Surveys, Implication Assessments and Method Statements.
- Tree Surveys for Insurance Purposes and Hazard Analysis.
- Woodland Management Plans and Woodland Surveys.
- Large Scale Tree Safety and Forest Surveys.
- Bespoke Arboricultural Training for JCA clients.
- Tree Preservation Order advice and TPO survey work for Local Authorities.
- Decay Detection and Pest and Disease Analysis.

Qualifications

- **(Degree)** Master of Arboriculture – 1991 Reaseheath College, Nantwich, Cheshire, UK.
- **(Diploma)** Technicians Certificate in Arboriculture - 1989 Reaseheath College, Nantwich, UK.
- **(City & Guilds Forestry Phase 1)** (Credit) 1982 Newton Rigg Forestry College, Cumbria, UK.
- **(City & Guilds Forestry Phase 2)** (Credit) 1984 Newton Rigg Forestry College, Cumbria, UK.
- **(City & Guilds Forestry Phase 3)** (Credit) 1985 Newton Rigg Forestry College, Cumbria, UK.

Professional affiliations

Royal Entomological Society:	Fellow since 1986
Arboricultural Association:	Fellow and Professional Committee member (since 1992)
Royal Forestry Society:	Member since 1993
International Society of Arboriculture:	Member since 1993
Commonwealth Forestry Association:	Member since 1993
Arboricultural Association:	Registered Consultant (since 1997)
Institute of Biology:	Chartered Biologist since 2001
Arboricultural Association:	Director (2004 onwards)
Institute of Chartered Foresters:	Chartered member since 2008

Directorships

Managing Director of JCA Limited.
Director of Arboricultural Association Trading Limited.

Previous employment

- 1994 to present - JCA Ltd: Principal Consultant and Managing Director. Operating across the UK and beyond servicing the Arboricultural requirements of over 1000 clients.
- 1989 to 1994 - Arboriculture Officer: Bradford Metropolitan District Council, Yorkshire, UK.
- 1986 to 1989 - Forestry Technician: Bradford Metropolitan District Council, Yorkshire, UK.
- 1983 to 1986 - Forestry Team Leader: Kirklees Metropolitan Council, West Yorkshire, UK.
- 1979 to 1983 - Forester: Kirklees Metropolitan Council, West Yorkshire, UK.

OVERVIEW OF RECENTLY COMPLETED PROJECTS

English Heritage.

Review of Nationwide Tree Policy: an overhaul of the system used for surveying English Heritage's tree stock.

Penang Botanical Gardens, Malaysia.

Review of tree stock and advice on tree management from a botanical, safety and amenity point of view.

Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (UK Government contract)

Arboricultural advice on Tree Preservation Order Appeals in London and the South East Region.

Planning Inspectorate.

Arboricultural decisions for Tree Preservation Order Appeals in England.

Crystal Palace Park, 2012 London Olympic Committee. Survey of the park's trees and advice on accommodating an element of the 2012 Olympic Games.

Rolls Royce, Derby, UK.

BS 5837 survey for the redevelopment of a manufacturing site in the Midlands.

Buton, Indonesia.

Providing survey training for students studying the rainforest on this large and undisturbed Indonesian island.

British Museum, London.

Survey of trees at the British Museum, London and advice on how to get difficult exhibits into high storeys of the Museum. Providing a Method Statement to achieve this without causing harm to trees.

Legal Case: Greater Manchester Police.

A major case involving a fatal accident on a publicly owned site.

Legal Case: Health & Safety Executive.

Assisting the Health & Safety Executive in determining fault on accident cases.

Legal Case: Root Identification, Australia.

Identification of tree root material for a civil case in Australia.

Legal Case: Personal Injury Case.

Assisting with accident investigation and securing over £1000 000 compensation for an arborist.

Legal Case: Personal Injury Case.

Investigation into a tree failure causing the severe injury of a householder by a neighbouring tree.

Legal Case: Tree Causing Flooding Investigation into a tree which dropped a major limb causing flooding and the closure of a railway line.

British Army Sites, Germany.

Tree Safety Survey on army property in various locations across Germany.

Regent's Park, London.

Arboricultural Implication Study. A strategically important survey of the trees around the 'open air theatre' in Regent's Park as part of a Lottery scheme for redevelopment of the facility.

Devon County Council, Street Tree Survey.

Major rural safety survey and advisory contract covering over 400 miles of highway.

Hull City Council, Street Tree Survey.

Tree safety survey and management advice for 21,000 trees carried out using hand-held computers to plot trees.

Selby District Council.

Advice on planning applications involving trees covered by TPO's and the review of several Conservation Areas.

University of Nottingham.

Major tree survey & database design of all the university's trees.

Helmsley Castle, North Yorkshire.

Tree survey for English Heritage. Tree survey and advice in relation to the construction of a new Visitor Centre.

Flood Defence Scheme, Preston.

Arboricultural advice for the Environment Agency on a major infrastructural project.

Cambridge University; Jesus College.

BS5837 Arboricultural Survey and Method Statement for a new facility at the campus.

Merlin Professional Claims.

Supply of Nationwide Tree Advice and Subsidence Tree Surveys.

United Utilities.

Supply of all Tree Surveying and Tree Advisory Work across the North of England.

OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

1984

Malaysia (Sabah and Sarawak) Brunei.

Jonathan travelled around these countries visiting and staying at various forestry institutions. This was his first introduction to the tropical environment.

1985

Indonesia - Sulawesi, Dumoga Bone National Park.

Jonathan carried out research on logging operations and the occurrence of logging damage to second rotation crops. He assisted with the study of this newly designated National Park and helped with the formation and preparation of a comprehensive management plan for the future upkeep of the area.

1986

Bogor Herbarium, Java, Indonesia.

Jonathan spent time at Bogor Herbarium in Java, studying and comparing specimens collected in Sulawesi with the 50 year old Dutch Collections. He learnt a little Indonesian and gleaned much experience in the field of reserve management and human impact assessment.

1987

France.

Jonathan worked in France and attended a Forestry study tour of France in association with Newton Rigg College and various French institutes, studying the French methods of continuous cover forestry.

1993

Malaysia.

Forestry Research Centre (FRIM): Natural Forest Management

Jonathan attended the Commonwealth Forestry Conference in Kuala Lumpur. He then attended a study tour of Peninsular Malaysia and then went on to FRIM for the course in Natural Forestry Management.

2007

Indonesia – Sulawesi/Buton.

Jonathan carried out training in forest survey techniques for Indonesian Forestry Students and UK University Graduates in a new National Park.

LANGUAGES

English:	fluent
Indonesian/Malay:	a working knowledge.
French:	a working knowledge.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Date of Birth:	15th March 1962.
Nationality:	British.
Marital Status:	Married.
Driving Licence:	Current, Full and Clean.

PREFERRED PROJECTS AND CONSULTANCIES.

- All aspects of Arboricultural Consultancy.
- Bespoke Arboricultural training tailored to suit client needs.
- New Town Developments where Arboricultural Infrastructure is required.
- Mangrove Forest, Tropical Forest Management and Tropical Forest Assessment work.
- Planning and management of tree populations for new towns and for Government Agencies.
- Tree inventories and advice for arboreta and botanical gardens.
- The preparation of Urban Arboricultural Strategies.
- Preparation of Tree Surveys for Development Sites, Public Parks, and Litigation work.