

Barcham Trees Event

Getting it right for Trees to live their long lives

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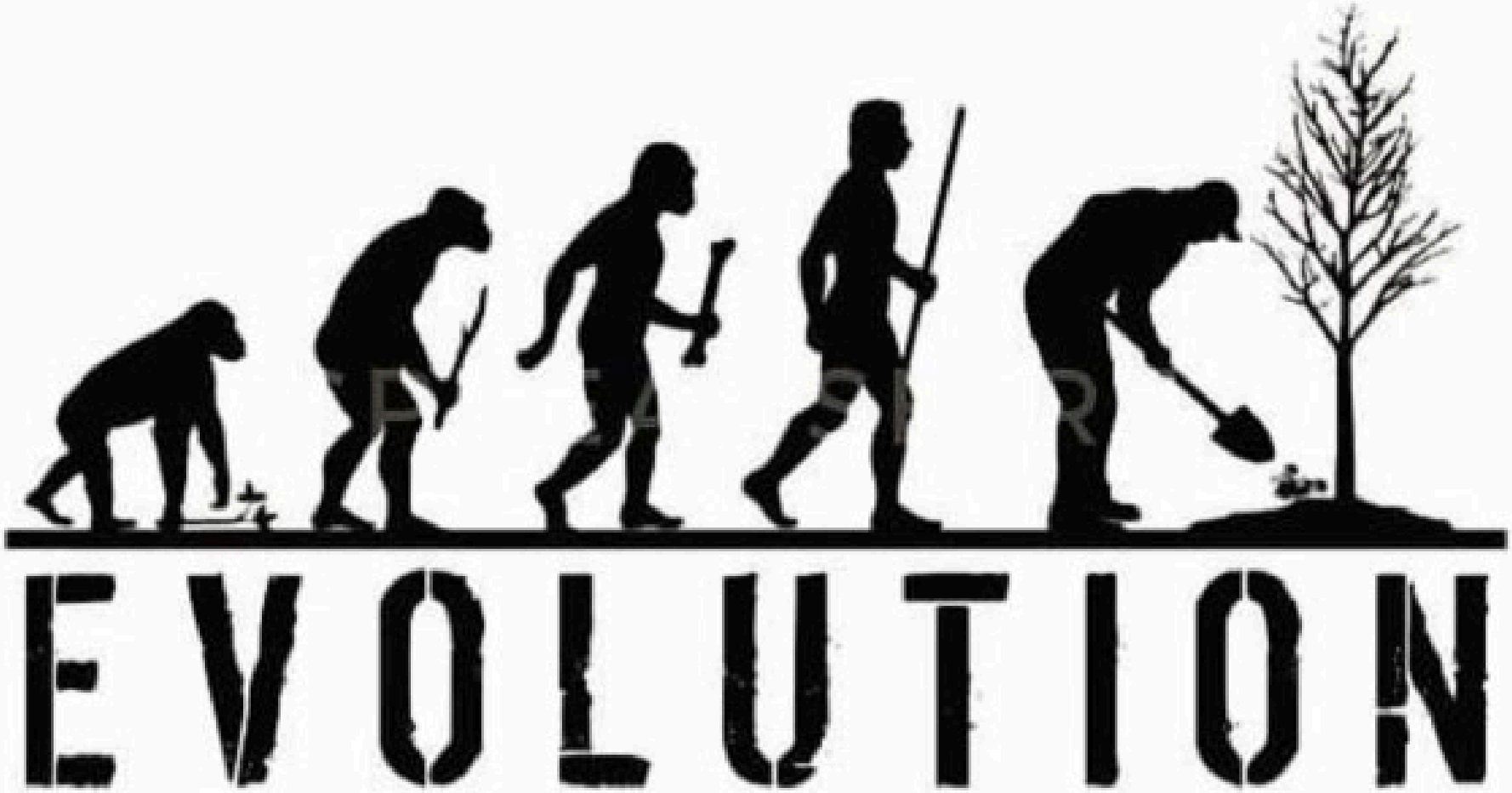
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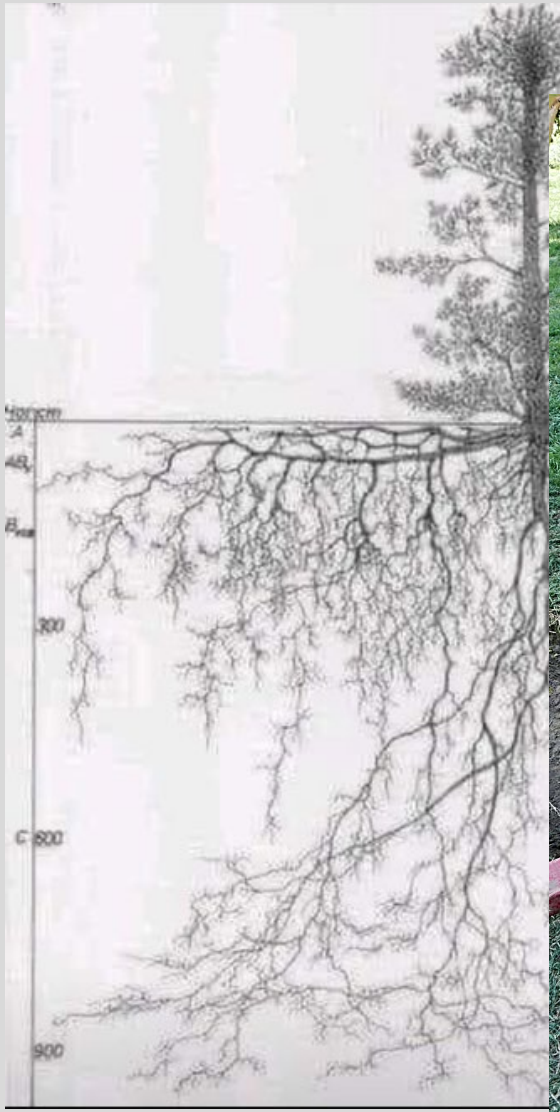
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Aesculus indica ‘Sydney Pearce’


Tree Planting or Tree Establishment?
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EVOLUTION



Square hole the depth of the rootball



Find the centre of the hole and ensure the depth is correct



Backfill with pit/hole soil without tree planting compost

LAMP POSTS





Even lamp posts have a planting depth marked on them



Basal flare on young trees.

Leads to buttressing on mature trees like this oak



Final levels with surface of the rootball visible



Mulch surface with organic mulch keeping away from the trunk



Not resin bonding

Weed Management



GOOD



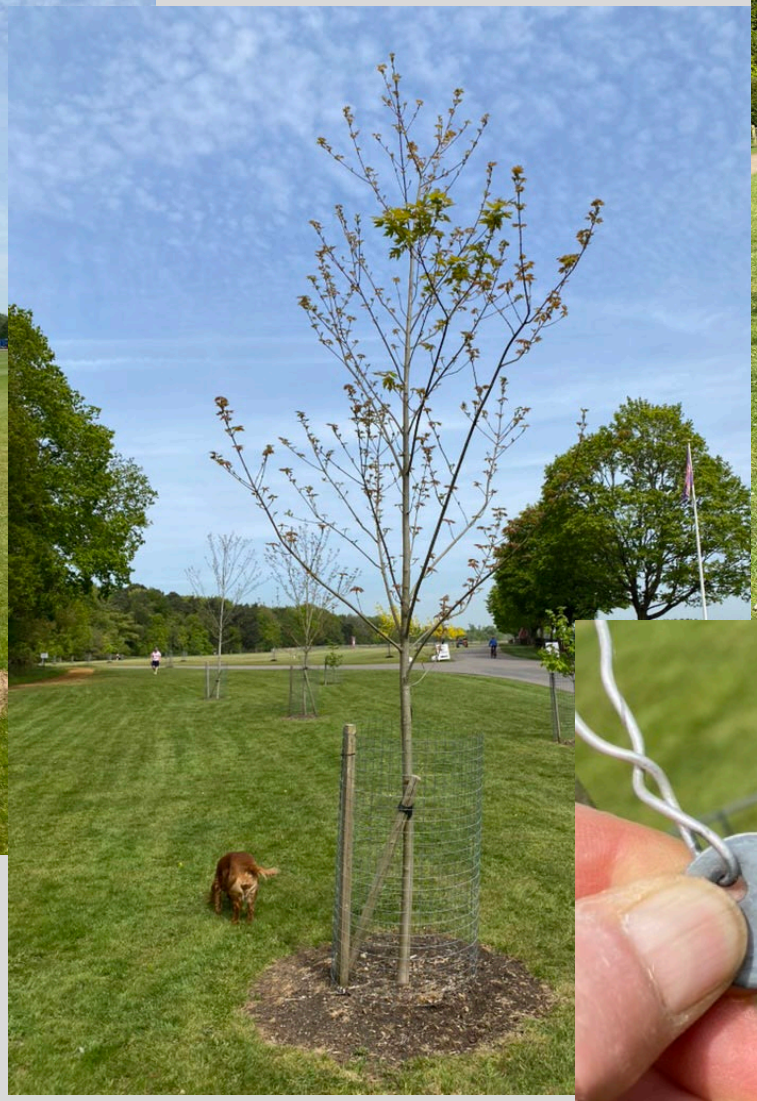
BAD





"Volcano" mulching in the USA









In contrast, well-established trees, cared for





Aftercare…….Newly planted trees will need water, regardless of which season they were planted in Water Hydration bags "Gator bags"













Short staking, single stake & oblique stake

Attachment point should be one third of the overall height of the tree







Some textbook staking using 3 posts and rubber webbing on exposed sites

"Mercedes Benz" Staking System



Hessian tying material



Baler twine

We should be using professional tree planting materials made for the job



Overkill! Did this tree need a stake?



Compaction and drought stress! Neglect





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PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE TREESCAPES







Aftercare is just as important as planting the tree “Free the Tree”





Ulmus ‘New Horizon’ Caught in time!



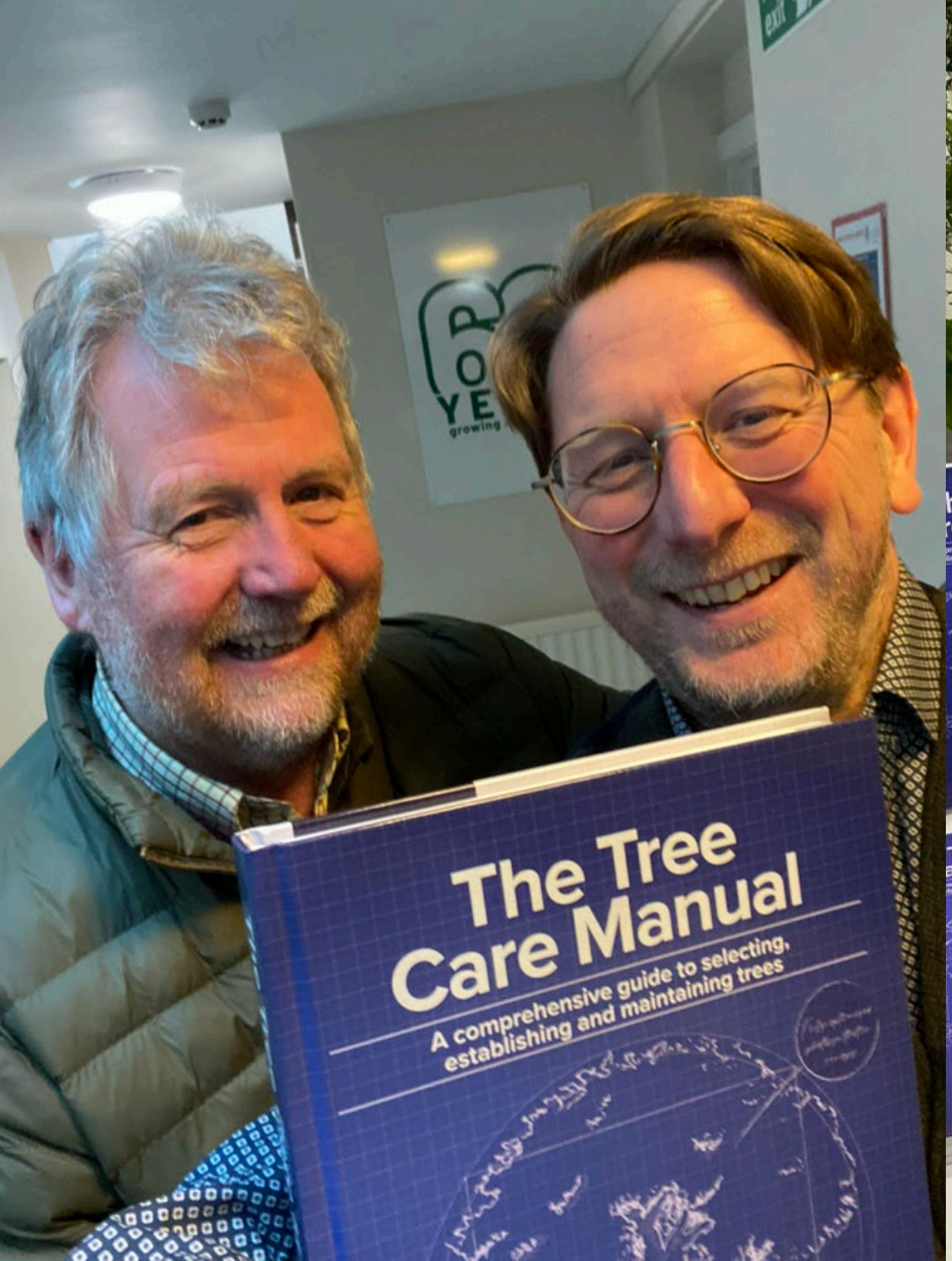


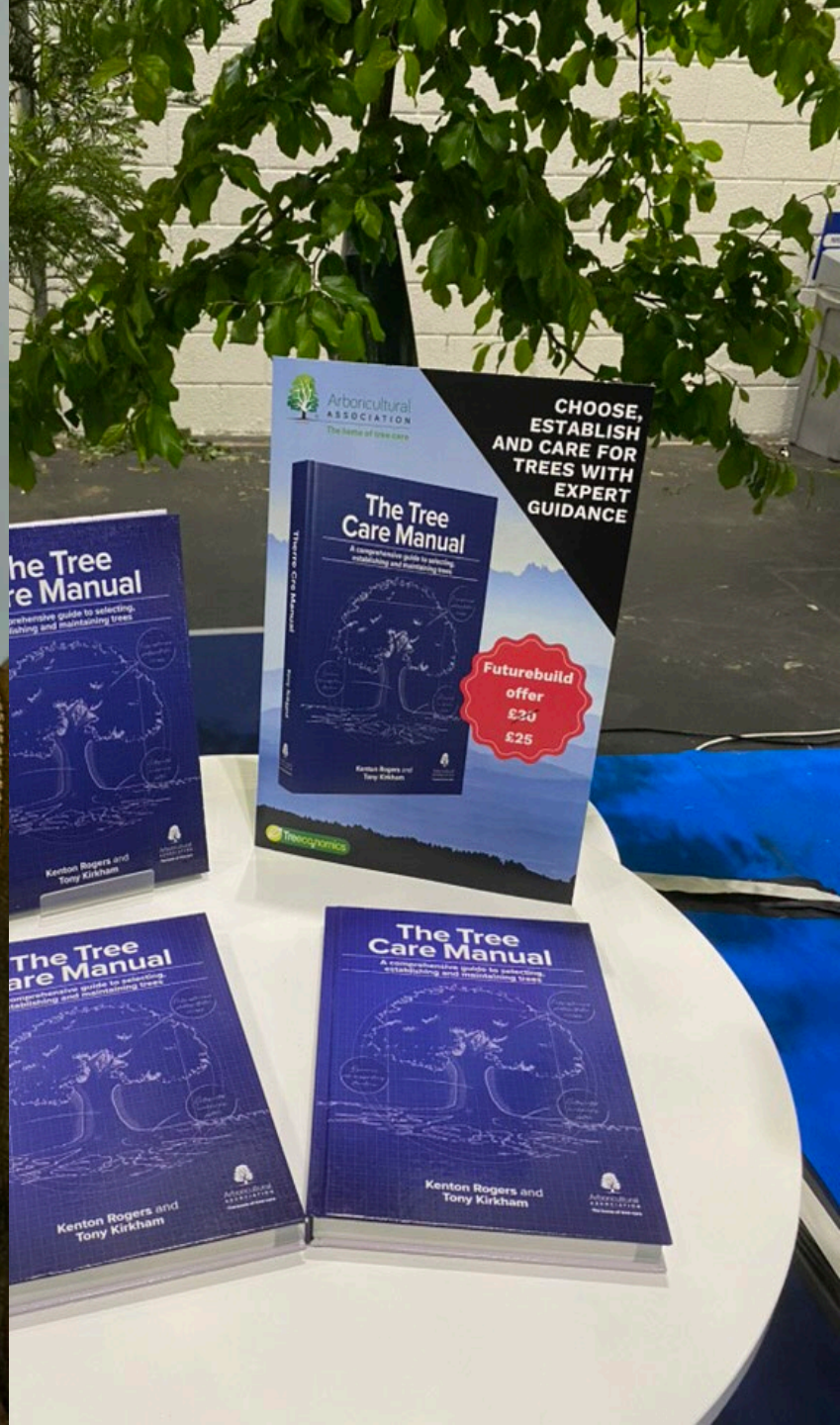

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It can be done properly and professionally LBRuT



And Westminster City Council


The Tree
Care Manual
A comprehensive guide to selecting,
establishing and maintaining trees


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ASSOCIATION
CHOOSE, ESTABLISH AND CARE FOR TREES WITH EXPERT GUIDANCE
The Tree
Care Manual
Futurebuild
offer
£25
Treecognomics
Kenton Rogers and
Tony Kirkham


That's the first money
tree planted John.
We're going to be rich
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Thank you all for joining us today and to Barchams for organising today.





"Queen Elizabeth I Oak" at Cowdray Park *Quercus petraea*

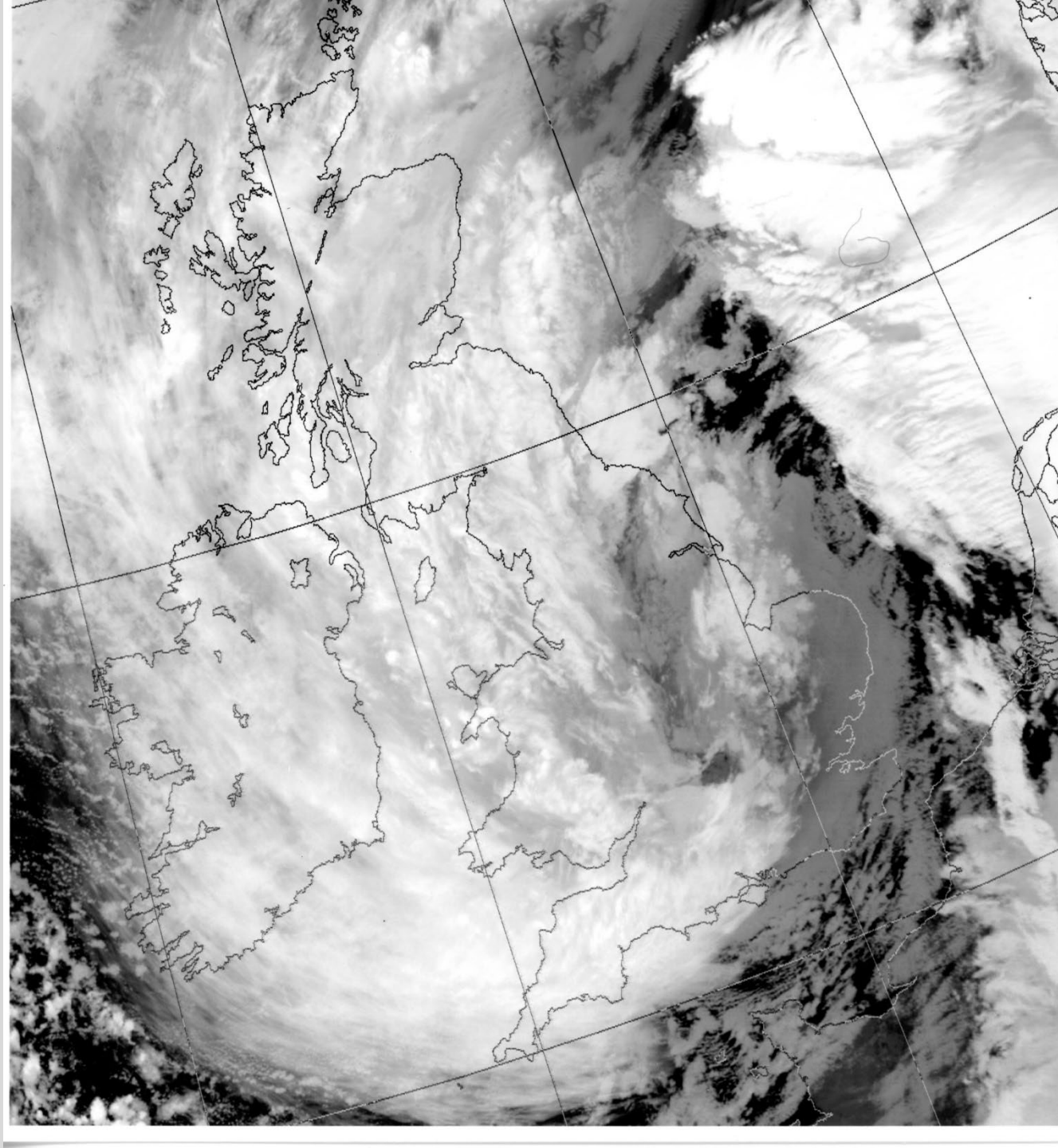


The Holker Lime, *Tilia* x *europaea*
At Holker Hall, Cartmell, Cumbria

The British Isles

4.41 am

16 October 1987







Magnolia in urban setting too deep and no protection





It's a long and slow death

Classic symptoms








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Taiwan incense cedar

Calocedrus formosana

So, we remove tree stakes?






Should we stake or not?



Celtis australis planted too deep

Celtis australis planted at the right depth









Plant Healthy

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Seismomorphogenesis





Crown

Trunk

Root plate



Warning

The next slides are not for the faint hearted!

Trees **WERE or WILL BE** killed for the next slides!