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Professional Membership

Fellow of the Arboricultural Association. (2007)

Chartered Member & Registered Consultant of the Institute of Chartered Foresters. (2007)

Member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (2009)

Ordinary member of the Royal Forestry Society. (2001)

Technician Member of the Institute of Safety & Health (2004)

Member of the Editorial Board for the Arboricultural Journal (2008)

Specialist Fellow of the International Institute of Risk & Safety Management. (2011)

Registered H&S Consultant – Occupational Safety & Health Consultants Register (2011)

Academic Qualifications

BTEC OND in Building Studies from Southfields College, Leicester. (1985)

BTEC HND in Rural Resources & Their Management. Polytechnic Southwest (1989)

Arboricultural Association/ABC Technician's Certificate In Arboriculture. (2001)

NEBOSH National General Certificate in Occupational Health & Safety (2011)

Other Qualifications

Full Clean Driving Licence

LOLER Arboricultural Inspector level 3. (IRATA/FASTCo) (NPTC)

Risk Assessment (AA/FASTCo), First Aid at Work,

Managerial & Professional CSCS, C&G Assessor Qualification D32

Member of LANTRA Professional Register (Instructor & Service Provider)

SSIP Assessor (BSI)

Licensed user of Quantified Tree Risk Assessment[©]

Employment Experience

Tony is the Managing Director and senior consultant of A M Lane Ltd (www.amlane.co.uk). A M Lane Ltd is a multi-disciplinary consultancy and training practice that serves local government, the corporate & commercial sector, landscape professionals and private individuals in all aspects of arboricultural, occupational H&S and business development related advice.

The arboricultural aspect of the business includes survey, management, tree risk assessment as well as planting design, trees in planning, tree law and policy development.

Tony currently holds the honorary position of Arboricultural Consultant for the Diocese of Exeter.

The practice provides health and safety advice to tree surgery, forestry and land based businesses covering all aspects of risk control system & policy development, project risk assessment, training, auditing and preparation of third party accreditations to includeSSIP Memberships, ISO Standards, NHSS18. This service includes accident investigation as well as providing expert witness opinion on tree work and tree related accidents to the courts.

Tony is a lead assessor for the Arboricultural Association's 'Approved Contractor' Scheme which includes CHAS accreditation. As part of A M Lane Ltd's health & safety remit Tony provides a safety officer service for arboricultural and forestry related trade events. These include the annual Arb Show and the biennial Confor Woodland Show.

Tony was awarded the Lycetts Forest Industries Safety Trophy 2008 in recognition of his contribution to health and safety in the forestry industry.

Tony has over nineteen years experience delivering taught programmes ranging from National Certificate to Higher National Diploma and first Degree courses. The subject areas covered include land use, countryside management, project management, information technology, health & safety, arboriculture and forestry/woodland management. Tony currently delivers seminars on a range of tree, safety and business related subjects to commercial and voluntary sector audiences.

Since 1992 Tony has been a nationally registered instructor and assessor in arboriculture and forestry. Between 2002 and 2007 this included the role of Technical Standards Officer and Technical verifier for Lantra Awards and NPTC respectively.

Tony has appeared as an expert witness in the Magistrates Court and the High Court on both arboricultural issues and tree work safety issues. He has worked as single and joint witness for a number of cases. He has appeared as an expert witness in the Royal Courts of Justice and has experience of cross examination by Queens Council.

Tony is a nationally recognised leader in Arboricultural health and safety. He is regularly invited to comment on issues of arboricultural occupational safety and health issues by the Arboricultural Association, Health & Safety Executive and local government.

Employment History

Past Employment

A M Lane (Arboriculture & Training): July 1993 - November 2004. Self employed consultant in woodland management, arboriculture, arboriculture and forestry safety management. Providing tree surgery and woodland contract services to private, local authority and other commercial tree surgery clients. Part time lecturer at Bicton College in Countryside Management, Woodland Management, Arboriculture, Landscape & Business Management up to First Degree level.

- Estate & Recreation Manager: July 1991-July 1993), Duchy College, Cornwall. Part Time Lecturing (Duchy College) in Countryside, Woodland & Estate Management
- R M A Sandhurst (September 1989-October 1990) Studied the Standard Military Course.

Personal Interests

Tony is a member St Mary's Church in Uffculme. He is a member of the Third Order of the Society of St Francis. Tony is passionate about the natural environment and spends as much leisure time in it as he can, walking, cycling, camping, canoeing, gardening or just being in it.

Published Work

Determination of rope access and work positioning techniques in arboriculture. (HSE Funded research project). Industry Code of Practice for Arboriculture – Treework At Height (Peer Review Panel & Technical Detail). Various articles written for trade journals to include: The Chartered Forester, Essential Arb & Arboricultural Association magazines. Technical Reviewer for the Tree Work Technical Guides.