



Career summary

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Jeremy has an Honours Degree in Environmental Forestry (1978) and holds the Royal Forestry Society's Professional Diploma in Arboriculture (1990). He is a Chartered Forester (1980), a Chartered Biologist (1993) and a Chartered Surveyor (2008). Additionally, he is a Fellow of the Arboricultural Association (AA) (1989), the Institute of Chartered Foresters (1996) and the Institution of Chartered Surveyors (2008). Jeremy was an AA Approved Contractor (1984–1995) and has been an AA Registered Consultant since 1994. He is a Law Society 'Checked' expert witness and, in 2001, was honoured with the AA's top award for services to Arboriculture.

Jeremy has been dealing with tree hazard assessment throughout his career. Between 1993 and 1996, he was one of eight DoE tree preservation order (TPO) appeal inspectors reporting to the Secretary of State. This involved impartially assessing a whole range of tree management issues including TPO administration and subsidence damage. He has a long career acting as an expert witness, from Magistrates Courts to the High Court. Most recently, he was the expert for the successful Claimant in *Poll v Bartholomew* (2005), and the successful Defendants in *Atkins v Scott* (2008) and *Micklewright v Surrey County Council* (2010).

On leaving University in 1978, he joined the Forestry Commission as a Field Surveyor and began his tree contracting business in 1980. For the next 15 years, he developed his contracting business, leaving it in 1995 to concentrate full-time on consultancy. Barrell Tree Consultancy is now one of the most successful advisory practices in the UK, with a focus on the legal and planning aspects of tree management.

As an ambassador for UK arboriculture, Jeremy regularly lectures all over the world and has written numerous papers and articles on tree management (www.barrelltreecare.co.uk/resources.php), including acting as the guest contributor on arboriculture for the Horticulture Week *Opinion* column. He is an internationally recognised authority on tree assessment and has a dedicated website (www.TreeAZ.com) detailing his published methods. Jeremy was on the panel that produced BS 5837 and is currently involved in producing the new BS 8545 on tree production and planting. He also contributed to the editing of the National Tree Safety Group publication *Bringing common sense to tree management*. To reinforce his international credentials, in December 2010, Jeremy became the first UK consultant to attain the American Society of Consulting Arborists' coveted designation of Registered Consulting Arborist.

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