

Course Title:	Severing Uprooted and Windblown Trees
Duration:	2 days training. 1 day City & Guilds NPTC or Lantra Awards Assessment (completed approx. one week after the course to encourage consolidation and practice)
Pre-requisites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chainsaw Maintenance & Crosscutting • Felling and Processing Trees up to 380mm • Felling and Processing Trees over 380mm
Venue:	This is normally completed on a MWMAC site in Rhayader. <i>If you have enough people for a full course we are able, in some instances, to run this course on your site (subject to a pre-course visit).</i>
Attendees:	Max. number per course = 4
Objectives	<p>Candidates should achieve the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand background, Risk Assessment, HSE Guidance and Environmental Protection • Sever blown stems under and over guidebar diameter • Restraint of rootplates or stems with side tension (inc. SWL's, PUWER & LOLER) • Deal with half blown trees • Deal with snapped trees and felling standing stems
Equipment:	<p>Chainsaw:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum guide-bar length : 15" (i.e. a 18" – 25" acceptable) <input type="checkbox"/> Chain protection guard <input type="checkbox"/> Regulation fuel & oil can, with fuel and oil! <input type="checkbox"/> Spare chain <input type="checkbox"/> spark plug, spark plug gauge, starter spring & cord, sprocket and clutch spring (Optional or a 2nd Chainsaw) <p>Field Toolkit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> All tools necessary for on-site maintenance & Sharpening of Saws. (There will be no workshop based saw maintenance on the course) <p>Felling Aids:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Alloy or Nylon wedge <input type="checkbox"/> Breaking bar / Cant hook (Long Version Preferred) <input type="checkbox"/> Log lifting tongs (small) with holster <input type="checkbox"/> 4lb Sledge Hammer <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Felling Wedges (Aluminium Hi-lift preferred with wooden insert) <input type="checkbox"/> Loggers tape (or measure tape)

Equipment:	<p>Preferred, but Optional, Equipment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hand winch and 2 soft strops to match <input type="checkbox"/> Snatch Block and soft strop compatible with winch <input type="checkbox"/> Compatible shackles etc. as required. <p>Protective Clothing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Safety helmet complying with EN397 <input type="checkbox"/> Eye Protection (Mesh visor complying with EN1731) <input type="checkbox"/> Ear Defenders complying with EN352 <input type="checkbox"/> Gloves (complying with EN381-7 if Chainsaw Gloves) <input type="checkbox"/> Chainsaw Trousers complying with EN381-5 <input type="checkbox"/> Chainsaw boots / Chainsaw Wellingtons with good grip complying with BN EN20345 <input type="checkbox"/> Personal First Aid Kit for belt or pocket including Large wound dressing and whistle <input type="checkbox"/> High-Visibility Jacket or Vest <input type="checkbox"/> Wet weather jacket, close fitting (if appropriate)
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