

Devon Ash Die Back (ADB) Resilience Forum Aims & Objectives

AIMS

1. Act as ambassadors for good management of trees, landscapes & habitats affected by ADB;
2. Develop a properly coordinated communications approach to manage ADB in Devon;
3. Develop approaches to ensure that Devon implements a strategy to **replace** trees lost via ADB especially in areas of high environmental impact (ideally in advance of the loss from ADB, possibly via innovative grant solutions);
4. Correctly identify the high risk target areas where ADB needs to be managed most effectively to reduce risk to people, infrastructure & buildings;
5. Raise awareness with farmers, landowners and other tree owners how ADB should be managed in a responsible & timely manner;
6. Promulgate emerging best practice (as it evolves) for pragmatically managing trees effected by ADB and specifically when intervention is essential (i.e. when trees effected by ADB must be removed);
7. Ensure that the supply chain are properly prepared for the volume of work that ADB will create; and that servicing of the peak demand placed on the supply chain will be correctly prioritised. Particularly Tree Surgeons, Tree Inspectors, Timber Suppliers, Ecologists and Nurseries.
8. Examine ways to safely remove trees with a reduced need for chainsaws (i.e. increase operator safety by use of mechanised tree removal);
9. Monitor & report on development of ADB in Devon.

Objectives

- Avoid duplication/wasted resources
- Provide stronger approach
- Provide consistency
- Allow better 'knowledge sharing' with all ADB stakeholders