



# Climate Adaption: Urban Green Spaces

## **Future proofing communities and the local economy.**

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This course will provide an overview of the causes and impacts of climate change through the lens of urban green spaces. Deepen your knowledge, develop your business case and refine your strategy and action plan.

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## Purpose

It is now widely recognised that climate change is already affecting our plants, trees and wider biodiversity of urban greenspaces. The impacts of climate change will continue to increase in severity over the coming decades and possibly beyond. Therefore, this course will look at changes to our current horticultural practices, as well as which trees and plants can cope and thrive despite the effects of climate change and how we can build these into our urban parks and greenspace management. It will also consider public engagement and the role of domestic gardens across communities.

In addition to practical tips and signposting further advice, the course will help participants to build a business cases and climate adaption strategies for urban green spaces.

## Who should attend?

Anyone with responsibility for aspects of urban green spaces.

## Learning Outcomes:

- Appreciate the causes and impacts of climate change on, plants, trees and urban green spaces.
- Consider the role of greenspaces in combatting climate change.
- Build resilient landscapes and Identify trees and plants which can cope and thrive despite the effects of climate change.
- Discuss adaptations to our current horticultural practices to meet the challenges of climate change.
- Explore the benefits of community engagement and the role of domestic gardens.

## Agenda

Join 15 minutes before the start for Registration and Tech Check

	<b>Welcome and introductions</b>
<b>Unit 1</b>	<b>How the world is changing</b> The global causes and local impacts of climate change
<b>Unit 2</b>	<b>The need to adapt</b> The past, present and future roles of urban green spaces, the scope of adaption and the role of local authorities in managing future resilience.
<b>Unit 3</b>	<b>A Matter of Scale</b> Practical guidance of the types of trees and plants which can cope with the various climate change impacts.
<b>Unit 4</b>	<b>Making the change</b> An opportunity to learn from others and critique the relevance of plant and tree strategies in local context and explore the benefits of community engagement.

# Trainer Profile

## Wayne Priestley

Wayne Priestley was previously the Principal Advisor for APSE's environmental suite of services which included: Parks and Greenspaces, Waste and Recycling and Cemeteries and Crematoria.

Following early retirement, he is now an active APSE Associate with a continuing interest in these areas and environmental issues in general. Before APSE, Wayne had a long career in local government developing a broad knowledge base. During his time, as a member of APSE's secretariat, Wayne was involved in several environment related projects including the development of the new Land Audit Management System (LAMS) and contributed to the development of the National Litter Strategy for England.

He also provided information to support APSE'S contribution to the Government's Parks Action Group. Wayne has also written well-received research papers, which can be found on [APSE's Website](#). Wayne continues to keep up to date with the latest environmental developments and has a growing interest in how local authorities are addressing increasing biodiversity, 'rewilding', the glyphosate debate, and the impact of climate change on sustainable green spaces.



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- Trainee Needs Analysis.
- Customisation of the slide pack.
- Delivery of the course on a mutually convenient date and time to meet your authority's needs and working patterns.
- Analysis of trainee feedback, which we share with you.
- Trainer feedback, if required.
- Post-course materials on password-protected hidden webpage.

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