

# Churchyard Trees Conference

Thursday October 6th 2016

Sir Giles Gilbert Scott Suite, Liverpool Cathedral, St James Mt, Liverpool

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*Refreshments from 10:00 for a 10:30 start*

Welcome and introduction

**Dr David Knight and the Dean of Liverpool Cathedral**

Tree planting with the community in Croston, Lancashire

**Canon Robert Brunswick**

A Journey in the Company of Trees

**Dr Hilary Taylor**

A tour of St James' Gardens

**Robin Riley, Friends of St James'**

*Lunch and refreshments*

The lifecycle and management of churchyard trees

**Russell Ball**

Tree management in the context of wider church works

**Revd Nigel Cooper**

Activities to utilise your churchyard trees to engage the community, and help them understand their importance

**Sue Cooper, Caring for Gods Acre**

Q&A Panel

**Chaired by David Shreeve**

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### **Dr David Knight**

Dr David Knight is Senior Church Buildings Officer and currently Joint Acting Head of Division of the Cathedral and Church Buildings Division of the Archbishops' Council for the Church of England. The Division works to support those who care for England's 16,000 churches and 42 Cathedrals.

### **Canon Robert Brunswick**

Robert is a former rector of St Michaels Parish Church in Croston, Lancashire and has undertaken extensive tree planting in his parish. This has included planting some 800 trees in Croft Field, an area next to the church created for the community which hosts numerous activity days including an annual "Music in the Woods" event.

### **Dr Hilary Taylor**

Hilary is a member of the Church Buildings Council and, for the past 30 years, has run Hilary Taylor Landscape Associates, a consultancy that specialises in the conservation, restoration and management of historic landscapes, including parks, gardens and historic estates. Recent projects have included work at Kedleston, Derbyshire; Battersea Park; Saltaire, near Bradford; and Key Hill and Warstone Lane Cemeteries, in the Jewellery Quarter of Birmingham.

### **Russell Ball**

Russell is founder and Chair of the charity Fund4Trees. After recently biking around Britain twice visiting schools and planting trees en route, in a few days time Russell will start a cycle from Gibraltar to London to raise funds and awareness for Fund4Trees. Presently he is a consulting arborist working out of NW London. Russell is a founder member of the Ancient Yew Group and was voted Environmental Londoner of the Year in 1996.

### **Robin Riley**

Robin is Chairman of the Friends of St James' Cemetery adjacent to Liverpool Cathedral. The Friends support and fundraise for work to improve access and the appearance of the St James' and encourage greater use by both local people and visitors. Through the hard work of The Friends, St James' Cemetery Gardens are now an integral part of the local community, and there plans for more activity within the grounds.

### **Revd Nigel Cooper**

Nigel has been a member of the Church Buildings Council until this year and a member of a diocesan advisory committee for the care of churches since 1991. He is the University Chaplain to Anglia Ruskin University in Cambridge, a Visiting Fellow at its Global Sustainability Institute and has written on subjects such as churchyard conservation. His current research work has contributed to the National Ecosystem Assessment. He is a professional member of the Arboricultural Association and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Biology.

### **Sue Cooper**

Sue is the manager of Caring for God's Acre, an independent charity championing the conservation of churchyards and burial sites across the British Isles. The charity organises the Churchyard Task Team volunteer programme and the annual Cherishing Churchyards Week in June, supporting thousands of people to manage their churchyards through training days and workshops. For further information visit [www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk](http://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk)