

Course Title:	Individual Windblown Trees
Duration:	2 days training. 1 day City & Guilds NPTC Assessment (completed approx. one week after the course to encourage consolidation and practice)
Pre-requisites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chainsaw Maintenance & Crosscutting
Venue:	This is normally completed on a mwmac Ltd site near the central Welsh Borders. <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"> To understand the Legislation, Regulations, & Industry Good Practice related to the use of chainsaws and winches, relevant to individual windblown trees. To understand and practice Risk Assessment and Environmental Protection on site, relevant to individual windblown trees. To understand and demonstrate the safety considerations when dealing with individual windblown trees when severing root-plates. To understand and demonstrate the use of use of winches to restrain Individual Windblown trees, including offset winching. To sever root-plates both under and over, safely and accurately, with and without winch restraint. To de-tension winch, ensure root-plate & tree safe for snedding or dismantling, with further use of winch to restrain tree as necessary To remove branches and crosscut stems, to specified standards of accuracy using safe efficient techniques, presenting produce for subsequent extraction or loading. To inspect and stow winch & ancillary equipment for further use.
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"/> spare plug, starter spring & cord, sprocket and clutch spring <p>(Optional or a 2nd Chainsaw)</p>

<p>Equipment Continued:</p>	<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. <i>(There will be no workshop based saw maintenance on the course)</i> <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) <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) <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.
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