



# How to recognise and manage upcoming tree diseases in arboriculture

Focusing on Massaria, Ash Dieback,  
Sooty Bark Disease and  
Oak Processionary Moth

with Henry Kuppen and Jan Willem de Groot

Visitor Centre, Ashtown Castle, Phoenix Park, Dublin 8



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## Friday 18th October 9:30am to 4:30pm

Pest and diseases play more and more a major part of tree management in urban areas. Climate change and urban design often promotes the success of tree diseases. We offer the opportunity to get the latest information from two leading experts in this industry.

The goal of this Ireland Branch knowledge day is to provide practical information based on scientific knowledge about these four infestations that meet the needs of the Tree Managers working in the urban environment in Ireland.

### Programme:

09:00-9:30	Entrance and reception
09:30-9:45	Introduction
09:45-10:45	<b>Jan Willem:</b> Ash dieback, development and progression <b>Henry:</b> Sooty bark disease, development and progression Q+A
10:45-11:00	Q+A
11:00-11:30	Coffee/tea break Microscope can be used by delegates to see Sooty bark disease spores
11:30-12:30	<b>Jan Willem:</b> Massaria, development and progression <b>Henry:</b> Oak processionary moth, development and progression Q+A
12:30-12:45	Q+A
12:45-13:30	Lunch Microscope can be used by delegates to see Sooty bark disease and massaria spores
13:30-15:00	Field excursion recognising and effects Split in 2 groups lead by Jan Willem and Henry, change within 45 minutes
15:00-15:15	Coffee/tea break Microscope can be used by delegates to see Sooty bark disease and massaria spores
15:15-16:15	Jan Willem and Henry, reasonable management of today's pest and diseases
16:15-16:30	Q+A and final thoughts
16:30-17:00	Speakers are still available for questions you didn't dare to ask in public

### Booking:

The event is open to both members and non-members.

Bring appropriate footwear/clothes as there is an outdoor element to the event.

### Refreshments and lunch:

Morning tea or coffee only.  
Lunch **not** included.

Please bring your own lunch and other refreshments.

**Note:** There is an onsite café.

### Cost:

Members €150

Non-members €180

### Venue:

Visitor Centre Ashtown Castle  
Phoenix Park, Dublin 8

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# Speaker information



## Henry Kuppen

Henry is a Arboricultural Consultant from the Netherlands with over 40 years of professional experience in managing trees in the urban environment. He is specialized in reasonable management of pest and diseases from a holistic approach. He works as Tree Ambassador at Terra Nostra, Knowledge Center for Trees and Soils and is one of the Dutch leading experts on pest and diseases which he likes to name tree guests.

He is actively involved in the education of existing and new generation professionals about maintenance and importance of trees and also works as supervisor at the European Arboricultural Council. Henry is an accomplished public speaker who shares his knowledge by giving passionate talks and workshops to other professionals around the world.



## Jan Willem de Groot

Jan Willem is the CEO of Terra Nostra, a leading tree consulting company serving The Netherlands and Belgium. With over 28 years in arboriculture, he is passionate about enhancing the health and longevity of trees in urban and natural environments.

In 2016, Jan Willem co-authored the book *Trees: A Lifespan Approach*, offering valuable insights into pruning practices for both young and mature trees. He also founded the Nederlandse Boominfodag (Dutch Tree Care Conference), which celebrated its 15th anniversary in 2024. Right now he contributes as the program manager.

Jan Willem is actively involved in the arboriculture community, serving as a board member of the Dutch ISA chapter and representing The Netherlands in the European Arboriculture Council (EAC). In 2024, he was honored to join the Executive Committee of the EAC. One of the proudest moments of his career was receiving the ISA 2024 President's Award during the 100th anniversary of the ISA in Atlanta, recognizing his contributions to the arboriculture field.

