# Tree Pruning Using Hand Tools from Ground and from a MEWP (Skills Card)

## At a glance…

**Assessed Customised Provision**

Delivery Method:            Theory and Practical

Recognised by:              Openreach/LANTRA

Prerequisites:              First Aid +F

## Introduction

This 2 day course has been developed with Openreach to train their Engineers in Tree Pruning using Handtools from ground and from a MEWP.

## Overview in brief

This course will inform candidates of best practice in pruning principles and techniques using hand tools from ground and from a MEWP.  This is a practical course where practice is underpinned by an understanding of the legislation and safety guidelines relating to manual tree pruning and felling operations.

## The finer details

1. Theory session – Legislation and best practice, pruning techniques
2. Development of practical skills and techniques
3. Pruning from ground using extending tools
4. Pruning from a MEWP using hand tools/extending tools

## Who should attend?

Openreach engineers who require to carry out tree pruning as part of their role.

## What will be covered?

**The information and practical training provided during this course will enable you to:**

- Appreciate the legislation, safety guidelines and your responsibilities relating to manual tree pruning and felling operations, both from ground and from a MEWP (Mobile Elevated Work Platform)

- Understand the safety considerations to be observed in organising a worksite

- Understand pruning principles/techniques

- Understand small tree felling principles/techniques

- Carry out a range of (BS3998) compliant pruning techniques

- Carry out small tree felling and assisted felling

- 'Break down' limbs and small tree crowns using a handsaw to aid disposal/stacking

- Position the MEWP in relation to the tree works

- Operate the MEWP to achieve a suitable work position

- Carry out pruning operations from the MEWP using hand tools

- Tie basic knots to install pulling lines