



# Oak Processionary Moth (OPM) Removal

## At a glance...

### Customised Provision

Delivery Method: Classroom

### Introduction

This one-day course has been designed to give operatives and managers the skills and knowledge to safely carry out OPM, BTM and PPM removal, how to manage it in the long-term, build OPM, BTM and PPM awareness and what to do in the event of them being discovered or reported.

### Overview in brief

OPM is becoming increasingly widespread in the UK and there is potential for people working in, or responsible for others in the outdoor environment to come into contact with OPM, BTM and PPM.

### The finer details

- Delegates will learn how to identify OPM, BTM and PPM;
- What the health and ecological implications are;
- Understand the PPE requirements.
- Understand how to carry out the safe removal of OPM, BTM and PPM.
- Know how to dispose of OPM, BTM and PPM waste in a safe manner.
- Understand different methods of how to manage it in order to keep themselves and others free from harm.

### Who should attend?

This course is aimed at arborists, managers and operatives who want to learn how to safely remove and dispose of OPM, BTM and PPM.

### What will be covered?

- Be familiar with what OPM, BTM and PPM is and the associated risks;
- Understand the history and biology of OPM, BTM and PPM;



- Be able to identify the caterpillars, nests and adult moths in the field;
- Know what to do if OPM, BTM or PPM are reported or discovered;
- Learn health and safety precautions related to OPM, BTM and PPM;
- Understand the importance of biosecurity measures and how to implement them;
- Know how to safely carry out the removal of OPM, BTM and PPM nests and caterpillars;
- Understand the correct methods of disposal of OPM, BTM and PPM waste;
- Understand the implication of OPM, BTM and PPM on climbing equipment under Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations;
- Understand the different control measures and their impact on the wider environment;
- Be able to implement a risk-based approach;
- Know how to manage OPM, BTM and PPM in the long term.

