



## Ancient Tree Forum & Orchard Tree Restoration

# Ancient Tree Forum



# VETree project

- Leonardo da Vinci
- Transfer of Innovation Project
- 75% financed by the EU Leonardo da Vinci TOI programme
- Total 350,000€ over two years (1/11/2012 – 31/10/2014)

## Partners

- Ancient Tree Forum, UK
- Pro Natura, Sweden
- Inverde, Belgium
- Amigos de los arboles viejos, Spain
- Societatea Progresul Silvic, Romania
- European Arboricultural Council (support)



# Training needs

- Why are veteran trees important?
- When and what management is appropriate?
- Risk/habitat – problem or opportunity?
- Taking account of roots!
- Protection
- Next generation
- Fruit trees?





# Main aims of project

- Develop & trial a 1-day training course ‘Valuing and Managing Veteran Trees’
- Develop & trial a 3-day ‘train the trainers’ course
- Web site with web based training material
- Translate books
- Training videos



# Videos

- Techniques for crown reducing a veteran tree
- Halo clearance for veteran trees
- The importance of the land around a veteran tree
- Common sense risk management of veteran trees
- Creation of decaying wood habitats
- The management of veteran fruit trees
- The management of veteran pollards still in a regular cycle of cutting
- 2 lectures by David Lonsdale

# Managing veteran fruit trees

# Future & further information

- 3-day training courses run by ATF
- 1-day courses run by many people
- VETree 2?

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# ATF summer forum 2015

- 18 & 19 June
- Indoor & outside sessions
- All welcome (book in advance)
- Visiting:
  - Orchards in Wisbech St Mary
  - Aspal Close
  - Pine lines



# Questions?





