

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



## At a glance...

### Assessed Customised Provision

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 Lantra-accredited Customised Award is exclusively developed and delivered by a Lantra-approved Training Provider, who meets our quality standards. The course is specifically tailored to meet learners' needs. For further details about the course content and delivery locations, please contact the Training Provider using the details provided below.***

The minimum age to undertake this course is 16.

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

