

# Charlotte Peacock Associates



ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANCY

## Vegetation Surveys

Type of Survey	Most Suitable Time of Year
National Vegetation Classification (NVC)	April - September
Tree Survey	April - September
Hedgerow Survey	April - September

### *National Vegetation Classification (NVC) Survey*

NVC surveys are used on site where there is considered to be important or potentially important habitats and floral species. This survey provides additional details to the Extended Phase 1 Habitat Survey, including full floral species lists and the categorisation of habitats in accordance with floristic tables in *British Plant Communities* (Rodwell, 1998).

### *Tree Surveys*

Tree surveys are conducted on all sites where trees are present regardless of whether they are scheduled for removal or not. The reason for this is that many construction activities have the potential to damage root systems and impact on the health of the tree. The surveys are conducted to British Standard "Trees in relation to construction - Recommendations" BS5837:2005. These surveys record the size, age and health of the tree and inform any protection measures which need to be implemented.

### *Hedgerow Surveys*

Hedgerows within or surrounding a site can be assessed to determine whether they are classified as 'important hedgerows' under the Hedgerows Regulations 1997. This is based on a number of criteria including age, number of species and adjacent habitats. It is illegal to remove important hedgerows or sections of them without the consent of the Local Authority.