

This year's IOG SALTEX programme of activities for arboriculturalists not only embraces an exciting, informative and comprehensive series of demonstrations, workshops and seminars, but also the 'Climb a Mile' tree-climbing relay race in aid of the Help for Heroes charity.

Staged by arboricultural specialist, the BTS Group, in the IOG SALTEX World of Arb feature area, the Climb a Mile challenge will involve a team of professional arborists climbing a tree in relay to achieve a total height equal to or greater than a road mile.

The special attraction is one of a number of focused attractions at the three-day event (Windsor Racecourse, September 6-8) designed to meet the wide-ranging needs of arboriculturalists.

BTS will also stage a daily programme of tree climbing/access and rescue demonstrations, plus walk-in 'ask the BTS expert' workshops, as well as a display of products needed for safe and effective tree surgery - focusing especially on equipment for working at height efficiently, effectively and safely, from harnesses through to sky-high access platforms and from a range of exhibitors.

In addition, the schedule of free seminars taking place in The Grandstand will also include sessions dedicated to the arboriculture industry.

The BTS programme of live demonstrations will include best-practice routines for:

[] Access - climbed versus platform – highlighting health and safety issues as well as the efficacy of the alternative routines/methods; and

[] Aerial rescue techniques – focusing on accident and emergency routines when close to electricity/power lines.

The IOG SALTEX World of Arb showcase is one of a number of special feature areas planned for this year's show – visit www.iogsaltex.co.uk for details.

q IOG SALTEX 2011 (www.iogsaltex.co.uk) will be held on September 6-8 at Windsor Racecourse, Berks, and will embrace fine turf and sports surfaces, turf maintenance equipment, children's outdoor play and safety surfacing, landscaping, contractors, commercial vehicles, outdoor leisure and facilities management, as well as software and security equipment. The show is attended by open space management professionals and contractors – from groundsmen and greenkeepers through to play officers, architects, designers and surveyors as well as local authority and outdoor leisure facility managers.