

## Air-Pots – Customers Views'

"The Air-Pot grown trees offered at A. Hill and Sons are superb quality, you only have to look at the root structures and the product sells itself. We have had 100% success in our planting schemes using the Air-Pots – they are easy to establish and can be planted at any time of year which is a huge bonus."

*Len Young, Horticultural Services Supervisor at Hartlepool Council*

"The trees have a root structure that is superior to the traditional root balled trees and are much lighter to handle. As a result, we have eliminated the need to bring heavy lifting machinery onto sites and we can plant more trees per day."

*Terry Beaumont, Landscape Architect, Birchwood Nurseries*

"Wigin Landscapes requires a good quality supply of trees and shrubs and A. Hill and Sons' Air-Pot grown products are top quality. The fact that this superb product is offered for 12 months of the year is a huge advantage."

*Mark Wigin, Wigin Landscapes*

Many of our new Air-Pot grown trees and shrubs are available for planting now, please call for an up to date stock list.

If you would like to visit our nursery to see for yourself the benefits of our Air-Pot grown trees and shrubs, please contact John Watson or Simon Hill on (01642) 711281 or email [johnw@hillandsons.co.uk](mailto:johnw@hillandsons.co.uk) Alternatively, we can arrange to bring the demonstration to you.

### How to Find us



Leaving Stokesley on the B1257, turn right into Stokesley Industrial Park. At the T Junction turn left. We are 500 metres on the right hand side.



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– High Quality Trees and Shrubs**  
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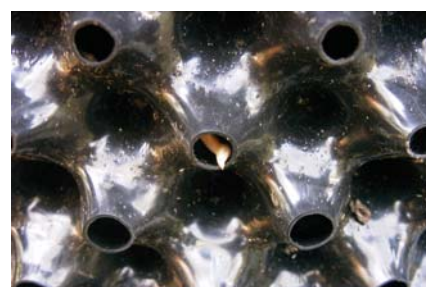
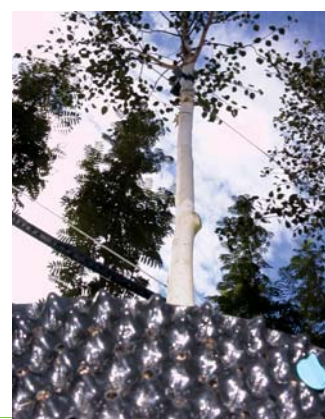
# Introducing high quality trees and shrubs at A. Hill and Sons

Innovative, revolutionary and advanced – the Air-Pot growing technique used at A. Hill and Sons has allowed our North East based nursery to offer superb quality products with fantastic root structures resulting in high success rates for our customers and their planting schemes. The nursery has a comprehensive range of varieties and sizes of trees and shrubs grown using this unique system which has become an integral part of A. Hill and Sons.

## The Air-Pot and How it Works

The key component is the specially-designed Air-Pot itself. Made from 100% recycled plastic, this container spectacularly enhances the quality of plants' root systems. As the roots grow, they are guided to the open-ended cones in the side wall of the pot where the tip of the root is pruned as it dehydrates. For every root pruned, many more new roots grow from behind, dramatically increasing the amount of root in the root ball. Continuous pruning eliminates root circling and results in a large number of active white-tipped roots being developed, strongly promoting vigorous growth of the tree or shrub.

All trees grown in Air-Pots at A. Hill and Sons have a watering aid that is built into the root ball allowing water to be delivered directly to the roots, further encouraging vigorous growth. This minimizes evaporation and makes watering more efficient, cost-effective and simpler than conventional methods.



## Benefits of using Air-Pot grown products in planting projects

- **Superb root structures**  
Continuous pruning due to the design of the Air-Pot prevents root circling
- **Can be planted at any time of year**  
The roots are not shocked allowing growth to take place almost immediately. This shock resistance means that plants are considerably less vulnerable to extreme weather conditions and therefore planting can take place all year round.
- **Environmentally Friendly**  
The pot is made from 100% recycled plastic
- **Improved establishment resulting in higher success rates**  
Once planted on customer sites, our Air-Pot grown trees and shrubs rapidly establish a vibrant root system achieving a higher success rate
- **Light and easy to handle**  
Environmentally-friendly reduced peat compost is used for the growing medium, making our quality trees exceptionally light and therefore easier to handle on site and in transit



## Comparison of Root Structures

Traditional root systems giving varying degrees of success



Bare root structure



Containerised root structure



Root balled root structure



Superior root structure, advantages only found in the Air Pot Plant

The Air Pot now gives the plant the best chance of survival and establishment after planting

