

British Ash trees are under threat

Biodiversity is continually under attack and the recent threat is to *British Ash Trees*. Imagine you are a journalist at **The Daily Besto** and your editor has asked you write a newspaper article on the plight of British Ash Trees.

An article that gains a **Developing assessment**, will contain an eye catching headline and a short paragraph (and maybe a nice picture) describing what the threat to Ash trees is.

An article that gains a **Consolidating grade** will mention the above and two of the points below.

A **Secure grade** will be attractive, well structured, include all of the above and four of the following:

If ash trees were completely wiped out in Britain then ...

- *What will the impact on the economy be?
- *What will be the impact on our health and wellbeing?
- *What will the impact be on organisms whose habitat is mainly the ash tree?

You can also mention

- *The name of the fungus infecting the trees.
- *How and where the disease was discovered.
- *How we can identify an infected tree.
- *Why politicians are arguing?
- *Why we should care about this threat to Biodiversity?
- *How scientists are attempting to fight the disease or reduce its impact?
- *Suppose you worked in an arboretum, what would you ask visitors to do before they entered?
- *What lessons are to be learned for the future?
- *The job of the *Forestry Commission Scotland*.

You will find YouTube videos and other information on the internet that will help you.

