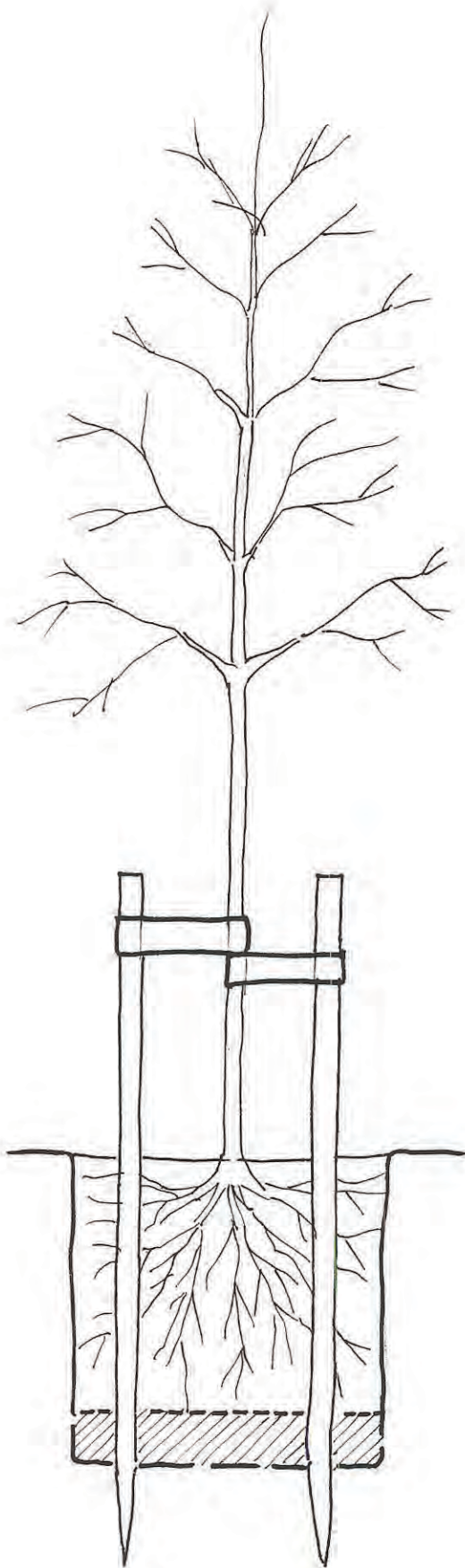




1. Clear surface vegetation to leave bare earth over an area of 900mm around the planting position. Retain turf for re-use.

2. Excavate tree pit 900mm in diameter to a depth of 750mm or full size of root system whichever is greater. Thoroughly break up pit bottom for a further 150mm and fork sides of pit to relieve any glazing. Remove any large stones or debris in excess of 75mm ring brought to the surface during this operation and cart off to a licensed tip.

3. Supply tree stakes with 100mm top diameter and 2100mm long in pressure treated softwood or untreated and dried sweet chestnut. Place in pit on opposite sides outside rootball. Drive below base of pit to leave c.900mm above ground level.

4. Place any turf from initial clearance roots up in base of pit and chop up.

5. Supply approved non-peat based planting compost and mix thoroughly with excavated soil at rate of 80 litres per planting position.

6. Place sufficient soil/compost mix in centre of pit to form mound so that tree will be at same depth it was growing in nursery. Prune any dead or damaged branches or roots. Place tree on mound ensuring roots are well spread out and in such a manner that it can be tied to the stake without danger of rubbing.

7. Carefully work backfill mixture between the roots leaving no air pockets and ensure surface of pit is well firmed and slightly dished in a grass area but level in a shrub border. Remove any surplus backfill mix for use in landscape works elsewhere.

8. Supply and fix 2 no. long tree ties, one directly above the other cut to required length and secure to opposite stakes with 2no. 50mm galvanised roundhead nails driven at opposing angles. Ensure tree is held firmly and in a vertical position with no danger of rubbing.

Note: Roots must be kept moist at all times.

Where mulch mat is to be used, any turf on outer edge should be lifted and folded back for a distance of 100mm and replaced after fitting