

WORK COMPLETED BY B WALKER ON THE HIDEO KATO JUNIPER,
TO RECTIFY A STABILITY PROBLEM IN JANUARY 2020



The base of the tree had rotted over a 30 year period, the tree was unstable in its pot, and it was decided to add a support to the rear of the tree to resolve the issue



A suitable piece of Juniper timber was found. It was soaked in a clear preservative for a week to ensure longevity.



With some carving and a little luck the timber was crafted to fit very well.



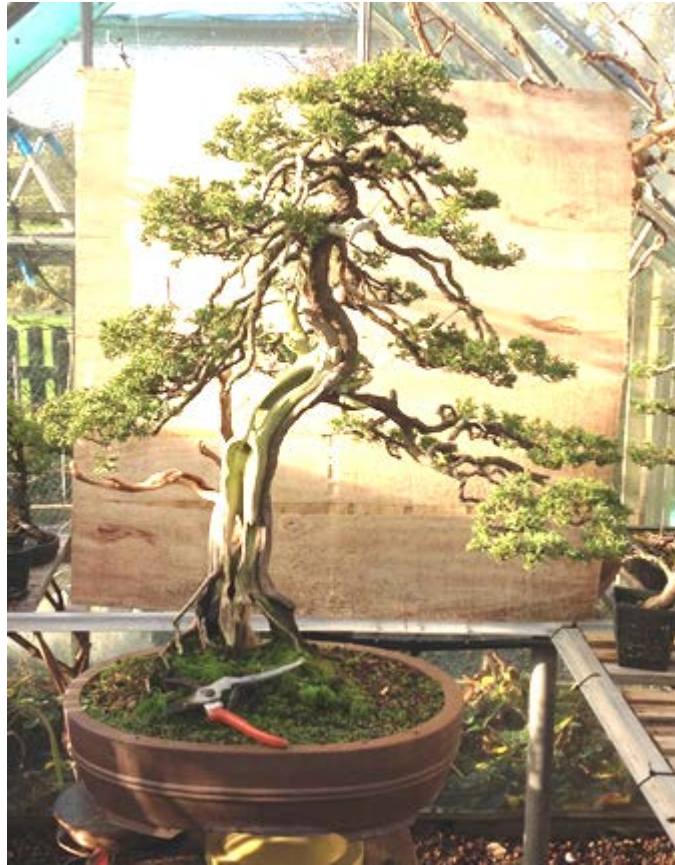
Prior to being fitted a stump was added to help the look of the new timber, also a stainless threaded rod was fitted inside the piece, this had a rubber foot fitted that gives some adjustability to the support.



Fixing in place with a mix of waterproof wood glue saw dust and wood filler ensures a solid fix



Fixed firmly in place with countersunk stainless screws and glue, the markings are for the forthcoming carving work.



The tree with the support fitted, it will be steam bent and carved prior to the foliage being dealt with, bit of a job!



Fully wired and styled, the new support steamed into place, the tree is now stable and ready to go back into the collection; no repot needed this season. The tree will be allowed to bulk out again for the next several seasons.