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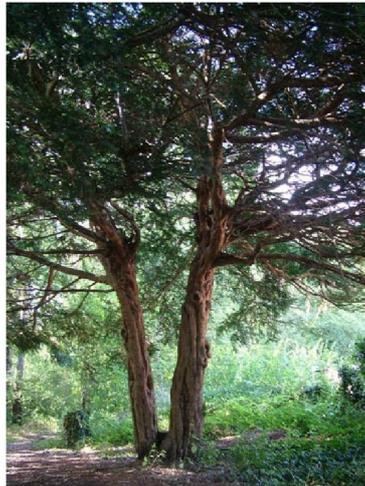
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Walk: Saturday 28th September 10.00am - 12.00pm Hurstwood, Waterlooville

We love trees, so we've decided to walk once a month to learn and enjoy our local woodlands. The first of our **monthly walks** will be around Hurstwood, a 22 acre mixed woodland. Meet at the Crystal Way end of Sapphire Ridge (off Tempest Avenue) Waterlooville PO7 8NY.



Beech



Yew



Small-leaved lime

Steering Group

We are pleased to say the Havant Borough Tree Wardens Steering Group is restarting with its first meeting on Tuesday 8th October at The Public Service Plaza, Havant. The meeting will be chaired by Jamie Gargett MICFor, Arboriculture Manager for Havant BC and East Hampshire DC. Jon Stokes from the Tree Council will attend together with tree wardens representing each area of Havant Borough. We hope this will lead to a stronger working relationship.



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- 50% of all tickets sold from our page go to us!
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Supporters must be 16 years of age or older

Can you help fund Havant Borough Tree Wardens?

Our application to join Havant Borough Community Lottery has been accepted and we now have a page on the lottery website.

This is an opportunity to support us with the chance of winning a cash prize of up to £25,000. 50% of ticket sales are paid to us with another 10% going to other local causes.

<https://www.havantlottery.co.uk/support/havant-borough-tree-wardens>

If you would prefer to make a donation directly to Havant Borough Tree Wardens, payments can be made into our bank account.

Account No: 84937017

Sort Code: 55-70-34

Please include your name as a reference.

If you have any problems or you would like to donate in a different way, please contact our Treasurer, Peter Walbank, who would be happy to help pjwbk@btinternet.com

Free Guided Walk Ticket - Explore Cowdray's Veteran Trees

I have booked a place on the 'Explore Cowdray's Veteran Trees' event on Wednesday 18th September 2019 (10.00am – 12.30pm).

Meet: Cowdray Farm Shop & Café, The Priory, Midhurst GU29 0AJ (on the A272)



Queen Elizabeth Oak (12.5m girth)

Photo: Ancient Tree Inventory

Please let me know if you are interested and I will send you the e-ticket which needs to be shown on the day.

Terry Smith tjs.oaktrecottage@gmail.com

This tour will be led by Cowdray Head Forester, Richard Everett, who will share his extensive knowledge of tree management on the Estate and will include a visit to the Queen Elizabeth Oak and other veteran trees on the Cowdray Estate.

The tour will be on the Estate's trailer tractor and will include some walking. This free event is part of the Heritage Open Days Festival.

<https://www.cowdray.co.uk/events/explore-cowdrays-veteran-trees/>

The event is fully booked. However, I have a place on a walk in Cowdray Park with the Sussex branch of the Ancient Tree Forum in October, so my place on the September walk is now available for someone else.

How are your seedling Monterey Pines? - Judy Valentine

Last year Eric Walker offered seeds from local Monterey pines. I know that some seeds were sent off in the post to interested parties.

Mine went in earlier this year and are doing well. I didn't follow any instructions; just put them in a pot!



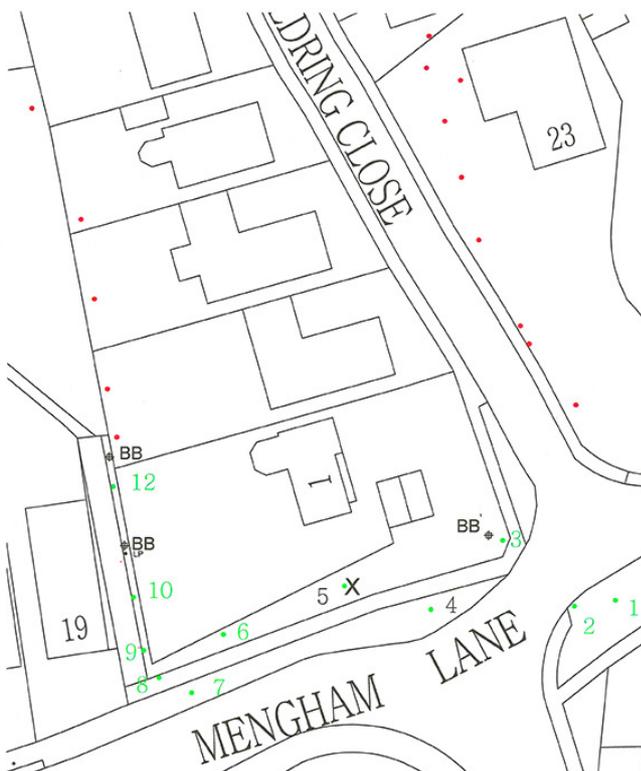
Farewell Monterey Pines by Eric Walker

And so we say farewell to the second highest Monterey pine (*Pinus radiata*) in the Borough, seen here on the left of the photo and number 5 on the map.



It is part of a group of eight 'street trees' located in Mengham Lane, Hayling. This tree is 24m high and has a 1.26m DBH (Diameter at Breast Height) with a crown spread of 10m diameter. The crown base is high and the canopy poor. Its lean to the east is reported to be increasing. A replacement tree is promised. There are a further 18 Monterey pines in the vicinity, each covered by an individual TPO.

The tallest pine (number 4 on the map), here to the right in the picture, is 25m high and has a 1.04m DBH.



Butcher's Broom in Hayling Island by Eric Walker

On the map the 'street trees' are the green points, the TPO trees are the red points and points marked BB are the Butcher's Broom bushes.

We have now found 23 sites where Butcher's Broom is growing on Hayling and, as we might expect, they are amongst mature trees as they are an ancient woodland indicator.

Havant Conservation Forum by Judy Valentine

HBTW attended the Havant Conservation Forum on Friday 26th July at Hampshire Farm Meadows.

We sat in the orchard run by Greening Westbourne and watched a Red Kite soar overhead. We heard about the work that groups were undertaking and TCV plans to arrange some days to try to engage volunteers and re-start TCV work days.

A number of other local groups were present:

- ◆ Friends of Gundymoor Wood.
- ◆ Friends of Nore Barn Woods
- ◆ Friends of Hampshire Farm Meadows
- ◆ Friends of the Hermitage Stream
- ◆ Slipper Mill Pond Preservation Association
- ◆ Purbrook and Widley Area Residents' Association (PAWARA)
- ◆ Friends of Havant Cemeteries
- ◆ Grove Road Conservation Group

Plus Dianne Lloyd – Havant Borough Councillor for Stakes ward.

Many of these groups have a website or a Facebook page. Details are on our website <https://groups.tcv.org.uk/havantboroughtreewardens/links/local-conservation-groups/>

Forum meetings are organised and chaired by TCV Project Officer:
Anna Pole anna.pole@tcv.org.uk

[The Conservation Volunteers \(TCV\)](#) is a nationwide organisation that manages conservation projects and supports local conservation groups. Following closure of the office at Manor Farm, Southampton, Anna, the TCV representative responsible for the Havant Area, is based in Hastings.



Send us your Tree Photos

Eric Walker is looking for photos of trees for next year's calendar and would be particularly pleased to have photos of local trees. Please email eric.walker377@gmail.com

Bob Comlay, tree warden supporter and Havant Civic Society member has sent us some of his tree photos. [Our Face book page](#) currently has one of his photos as the cover photo



Wildflowers

There is a change to roadside landscaping going on across the country where wildflowers are replacing manicured roadside verges. We have been to Horndean and Emsworth to see what they are doing and are hoping, no expecting, Hayling to do its bit alongside planting more trees.

Sinah Lane Hayling Island Development: Veteran Trees

We have found some interesting veteran trees which have been added to the Ancient Tree Inventory. My favourite is the five stem oak.

There is lots of Butcher's Broom, pendulous sedge and small-leaved privet in the copse between the field and the Hayling Billy Trail....could it be a fragment of Ancient Woodland?



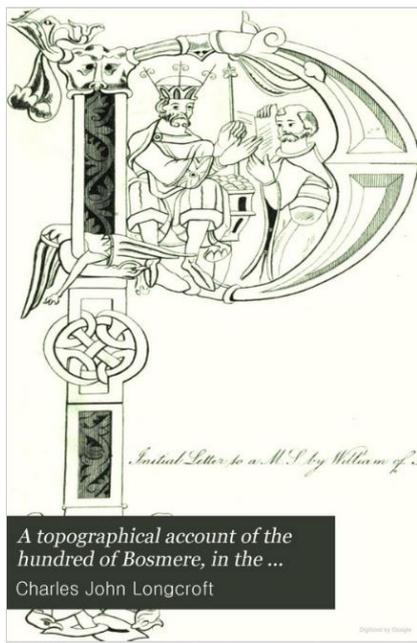
Five stemmed oak on the edge of the development area at Sinah Lane, Hayling Island.

Photo: Malinda Griffin

Building too near trees by Eric Walker

I have recently commented on the Sinah Hayling Island Development planning application to build 195 houses. I looked at the impact on trees. Proposed houses were laid out without regard to the neighbour's oak trees. When the site plan was revised to take account of these off-site trees, the position of the houses was not changed, but a proposal has been made to cut back the canopy regardless of the needs of the roots. Who will help the householder when the lawn will not grow or the large number of acorns and leaves need to be tidied up in the autumn? The tree surgeon! This is just what has happened this year in the Halyards Estate, Hayling Island, three years after completion.

Footpath to Pook Lane, Havant: “Havant’s Hidden Heritage” Project



Malinda has met Jamie Gargett, Arboriculture Manager for Havant Borough Council, and Jon Stokes of the Tree Council to discuss a project based around the footpath leading to Pook Lane, Havant. The project is aimed at enhancing and protecting the hedgerows selected and promoting them to the public as unique historical, cultural and recreational assets.

History

The owner of Wade Court from 1846-1876, Charles Longcroft, produced a book “A Topographical Account of the Hundreds of Bosmere” in which he noted ‘the survey of 1672, by royal commission, states that part of the boundary of the Manor of Warblington is at a lane called Pook Lane.’

Available as a free e-book from <https://books.google.co.uk/books>

The Hunt for Ancient Trees by Terry Smith

We reported last month that HBTW had been asked to prepare a register of Havant’s Ancient and Veteran Trees. We had already identified a number of veteran trees that Malinda has verified and added to the Ancient Tree Inventory.

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/visiting-woods/ancient-tree-hunt/>

Following that request, we have started looking for ancient and veteran trees to include in the register.

We were told by Hampshire Highways in July that seven silver maples were to be removed from the highway verge in Eagle Avenue, Wecock Farm because they had been implicated in causing subsidence damage. Malinda spotted from satellite view that Woodcroft Lane on the north-west boundary of Wecock Farm looked promising as a hedgerow worth surveying.

I had a look at Woodcroft Lane on Street View which showed a mature hedge bordering the fields to the northwest and large trees along the south eastern side. There was a path between the trees following the line of the lane and I confirmed it on an Ordnance Survey map as a Bridleway. Although mature, the trees along the road did not appear remarkable, but those on the inside edge of the bridleway appeared to be worth looking at.

As the Image capture on Street View was from June 2011, I expected the lane to appear a little different now, but not the dramatic difference I saw when I visited the location. Two of the fields to the side of Woodcroft Lane are now a partly completed housing development. There was a fence across the lane and the bridleway had been diverted around the edge of the development. The fence may be a temporary measure during construction. The hedgerows around the fields, which include many large oaks, appear to be intact. I would not have thought any of the oaks at this point qualify as veteran.

Further along the bridleway near Partridge Gardens, several old and misshapen beech trees on both sides of the track indicate the remains of an ancient hedgerow



This image, looking south, shows the bulbous base of beech trees in a row at the side of the bridleway, which is behind the trees. To the left, and just out of shot, is a stump with a similar shape that looks like the remains of another old beech.



This beech on the opposite side of the bridleway clearly shows signs of coppicing.



This hazel, coppiced long ago, is in a field boundary which is further back from the bridleway, away from the coppiced beech.



This unusually large bracket fungus was seen on a beech stump nearby.



As I was in the neighbourhood, I also walked around Wecock Common. I found one oak tree that may qualify as veteran. There is some dead wood on one side of the trunk with fungus at ground level and there has been an attempt to set fire to it, fortunately without much damage.

There is another younger oak with deep cavities in the trunk. It has been reduced to a totem pole, probably to avoid total failure, but it is still alive.



I walked as far as Woodcroft Farm, passing clumps of butcher's broom and more large oaks. At the farm there is quite an impressive oak tree with a wide canopy and a natural shape. Again, it probably doesn't qualify as veteran. There are also some substantial oaks in the fields and one at the end of a bridleway leading into the field where the burnt out cars are.



The most recent contender was found while The Ramblers were clearing a footpath in Cowplain. When we had finished cutting back the overgrown section, we walked to the end of the path and passed this field maple. It has an unusual form and still seems healthy. Unfortunately, there isn't much of a canopy; it has been regularly pollarded and most of the branches are very small, but they have leaves.

There are no other signs of an ancient hedgerow. Any other remnants must have been dug out when fences were put in on both sides. The tree was pointed out as unusual by my colleague, so my encouragement for Ramblers to take an interest in trees while we are out on walks is starting to pay off. Well spotted Len!

Diary Dates

Saturday 7th September 2.00pm - 4.00pm Hayling Island Horticultural Society Autumn Show

Havant Borough Tree Wardens will attend with a stall at Hayling Island Community Centre, Hayling Park, Station Road, Hayling Island PO11 0HB

Sunday 8th September 11.00am – 4.00pm Wilder Portsmouth Day

Want to make a difference to our local wildlife?

Come, meet and chat with Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust, Community Gardeners, Hedgehog, Bat and Fox Champions, Friends of the Earth and many more.

Waterfront Garden Centre, Avenue de Caen, Southsea

Thursday 12th September 7.30pm – 9.00pm The UK in 100 seconds

Join Portsmouth Friends of the Earth for a special edition of Portsmouth Green Drinks, a free screening of this astonishing short film. Every 1 second of this short film represents what 1% of the UK looks like from the air. How can we re-balance things so that we have radically more space for wildlife and for people? The Southsea Village, 81 Palmerston Road, Southsea PO5 3PP

Wednesday 25th September 7.30pm – 9.30pm Talk: Birds of the World

Join Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust for an illustrated talk about the birds of the world by local naturalist and photographer Alan Key. Suggested donation £3.

Contact: Andrew Powling 02392 258457 or apowling01@btinternet.com

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Ancient Tree Inventory



Friday 27th September 2.00pm - 4.00pm HBTW Ancient and Veteran Tree Training

HBTW Ancient and Veteran Tree Training led by Malinda Griffin at 23 Tournurbury Lane, Hayling Island PO11 9DJ

A practical session first learning to measure and record data for verification of Ancient and Veteran trees, followed by a session to view the website and record trees. For lift-sharing or more information: Judy Valentine emailjvalentine@gmail.com

Saturday 28th September 10.00am - 12.00pm Walk in Hurstwood, Waterlooville

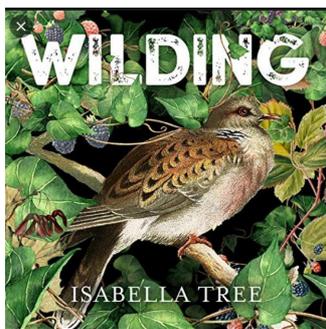
Join **Havant Borough Tree Wardens** for a walk led by Terry Smith around 22 acres of interesting mixed woodland.

Meet at the Crystal Way end of Sapphire Ridge (off Tempest Avenue) PO7 8NY

Tuesday 8th October 10.00am Steering Group meeting

Havant Borough Tree Wardens Steering Group meeting at The Public Service Plaza, Civic Centre Road, Havant PO9 2AX

Please email hbctreewardens@gmail.com for details.



Wednesday 23rd October 7:30pm - 9:30pm Talk: The Knepp Rewilding Project

Join Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust for an illustrated talk on the Knepp Estate rewilding project in West Sussex, using free-ranging animals to create new habitats for native wildlife, by Estate Ecologist Penny Green. Suggested donation £3.

Contact: Andrew Powling 02392 258457

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Thursday 7th November 6.00pm Tree Warden Training at The Public Service Plaza, Havant

Jamie Gargett MICFor Arboriculture Manager for Havant BC and East Hampshire DC will talk about Tree Preservation Orders and the Law.

Jon Stokes Tree Council will give a talk: Planting Three Billion Trees

The training will be open to HBTW tree wardens and supporters as well as our local Councillors.

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Photographs illustrating articles or photographs on their own (with captions) would be appreciated. If you are not the photographer, please check you have permission and say who is so that credit can be given. To keep file sizes manageable, please avoid sending high resolution images. The ideal image size is 250KB or less. Please also let us know if you have ideas for future articles or subjects you would like to see included.

Deadline for next issue: 23rd September 2019

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