NEW EARSWICK TREE TRAIL

The New Earswick (NE) tree trail is a walk through this garden village. You will be able to see mature native species and some unusual varieties of trees planted by the Joseph Rowntree Village Trust over a hundred years ago.

NE can be reached by bus 1, 13, 14, & 20 and get off at the stop outside Folk Hall (FH) where the walk begins and ends. FH also has a car park. The distance is one and half miles. The route is wheelchair accessible.

Walk north from Folk Hall along Hawthorn Terrace just a few metres. In the front garden of Hall Cottages is a Ginko Maidenhair tree and a Tulip tree .





Next door in the front garden of Westfield House there is an interesting collection of evergreen trees.





The trail continues along the main road towards the junction with Lime Tree Ave on the left. Magnificent views across the playing field of a mature Oak and Lime trees.

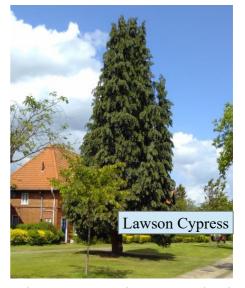


Cross the main road with care using the crossing and proceed towards Chestnut Grove which is clearly signposted to the right of the shops. Bear left across the car park into Chestnut Grove, (Houses 21 - 112.)

Several houses have interesting ornamental shrubs and fruit trees. There are red and

white flowering Hawthorn, Horse-chestnut trees, Acacia, Mountain Ash, Copper Beech and a Lawson Cypress.

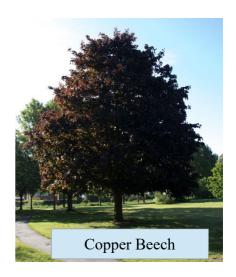




Continue to the end of the housing and turn right

along the the road to join the footpath which crosses the open meadow towards the river. On your right is a groups of young trees at the northern end of the Willow Bank grassed area. The trees were planted in November 2012 by local people as part of a community project called the Good Life Initiative in New Earswick. Originally, 420 copse trees including hawthorn, rowan, dogwood, hazel, silver birch and wild cherry, were planted following a successful bid to the Woodland Trust's Jubilee Woods project, for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. They include a Royal Oak grown from one of the Queen's estates, The planting was supported by the Joseph Rowntree Trust.





Follow the Willow Bank footpath south. Large Willows, Copper beech, Sycamore, Hawthorn, Alder, Wild rose, Rowan, Poplar, Oak and London Plane can all be seen. Take the footpath along the river bank towards Station Ave which although tree lined is one of the few roads in New Earswick which does not carry the name of a tree. Unfortunately on this river bank several Weeping willows have been cut down. Let's hope new plantings can be made to compensate for this loss. The Willow trunks were left for play and have increased bio diversity in the rotting process.

At the corner of Sleeper Path and Station Ave is NEST (New Earswick Community Garden). It has some good trees including Cypress, Pine, Ash, Elder, Hawthorn, Crack Willow, Hazel and Turkey Oak. There is also a wide variety of fruit trees.

The Garden is open every Wednesday morning and some Sunday afternoons www.newearswickgarden.org.uk

Follow the footpath keeping the river on your left and walk past the back of the garages. This area is managed by CAN. <u>Cafornature@gmail.com</u> Walking under the









Link road bridge you will encounter flowers, mixed hedges, birds and bats boxes, with all the wildlife benefiting from the riverside location and mature tree cover. The area is managed by a volunteer team which work on Tuesday and Saturday from 10.00 until 12 noon. Notable trees are the Poplar, Sycamore, Copper Beech, Silver birch and a Willow, one that features an unusual 'hole' in its trunk. Also lookout for the Acacia, and Red American Oak near the fence and length of 'dead hedge', a decaying trunk for Tree creeper/ woodpeckers plus a tree nursery of smaller saplings grown from seeds. All this to encourage a love of nature.



The Tree trail turns back towards Folk Hall near the white Lock Cottage which is the HQ for CAN. Exit can be made by a small wood and wire gate to cross the main road at the roundabout sign. Then turn right back toward the village centre. On your left behind a high metal fence is the Nature Reserve (NR). The site of the NR is the clay pit and

former brick works (1902). It supplied bricks and roof tiles for NE. Public access is limited to open days. Contact Chris Adams nenaturereserve@outlook.com
Inside the Reserve are further interesting species of trees.

Between the NR fence and the main road is a wide verge called Jon's Walk and Julies Wood. Under the mature tree canopy are bushes where there is something different in every season of the year. From blue bell time until winter when food from Crab Apple, Hazel, Elder, Snowberry, Sloe, Holly, Blackberry, Hawthorne, and Walnut can be harvested.

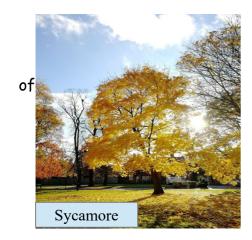




Jon's walk /Julies wood path leads into the disused railway line footpath, Turn right towards the main road and then left back along the main road footpath. Stay on the left hand path until opposite the sign to Poplar Grove (on the right of the main road). Turn left through an avenue of trees which were once the carriage way to the Garth farmhouse and now forms a mixed tree lined public footpath

leading to the Garth and White Rose Grove Green.

Growing near the Garth and on the green are some of the best trees in the whole village. Beech, Sycamore, English oak, Horse chestnut, Silver Birch and Indian Horse chestnut But best of all is the "Catalpa" Indian Bean tree which is alongside the street name sign White Rose Grove. One of first trees planted by Vic Atkins in his 50 plus years of service to the Joseph Rowntree Housing Trust. Now given extra metal supports it is at its best in July.



You can return to your starting point Folk Hall by turning left back onto Hawthorne Terrace.





This first Tree Trail for New Earswick has been made possible through the work of volunteers from the Local History group and many individual talented photographers, wild life enthusiasts who enjoy walking and learning about the village trees and biodiversity.

Hopefully you will during your walk have been able to appreciate the beautiful backdrop that the trees provide to the village. Trees also are improving the health and well-being of residents by cleaning the air of carbon dioxide and pollutants.

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