

## National Tree Week Notable Trees in Milton Keynes: Factsheet

### Lime Tree at Great Linford Manor Park



#### Did you know?

- The Linford Lime is a spectacular specimen of common lime which was planted in the 18th century.
- In 2015, it was shortlisted for the National Trust Woodland Tree of the Year competition.
- This tree was pollarded many years ago, which is why it has such a huge base and distinctive shape.
- The common lime tree has heart-shaped leaves, and can be identified by the twiggy growth collected around the base of the trunk.
- In Europe, the lime has long been associated with fertility, and was often planted in France after battles as a symbol of liberty.

The Linford Lime can be found along the canal at Great Linford Manor Park, which can be accessed from Marsh Drive in Great Linford.

### Poplars along the Grand Union Canal



#### Did you know?

- The canal broadwalk travels along the side of the Grand Union Canal from Linford Manor Park through to Woughton on the Green.
- It is bordered by avenues of Lombardy poplar trees on either side of the canal.
- Lombardy poplars are tall, rapidly-growing trees that can reach a mature height of up to 60ft.
- The Lombardy poplar has diamond-shaped leaves that turn a golden yellow in the autumn.
- The gray-green bark on young trees turns black and furrowed over time, which is why they're often referred to as black poplar.

Poplars can be seen along the Grand Union Canal, however there is a particularly attractive section bordering Willen Park. This can be accessed from Hammond Crescent.

### Tree Cathedral



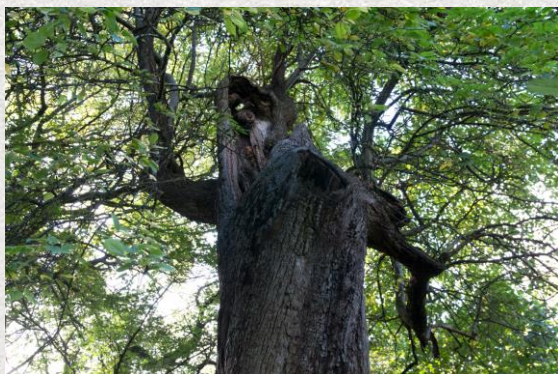


Did you know?

- The Tree Cathedral's outline is based on Norwich Cathedral.
- Different species of trees represent the character of the Cathedral's sections: hornbeam and tall-growing lime for the nave, evergreens for the central tower and spires, flowering cherry and apple as a focus in the chapels.
- In springtime colourful bulbs represent the sun shining through stained glass windows onto the ground.

The Tree Cathedral can be found opposite Willen Lake at Newlands, just off the junctions of V10 Brickhill Street and H5 Portway.

### Crab Apple at Howe Park Wood



Did you know?

- The crab apple at Howe Park Wood is believed to be the country's second oldest crab apple tree.
- Crab apple is one of the ancestors of the cultivated apple (of which there are more than 6,000 varieties).
- The Howe Park Wood crab apple tree is well over 100 years old.
- Crab apple trees have an irregular, rounded shape and a wide, spreading canopy.
- The trees can become quite gnarled and twisted, and the twigs

often develop spines. This may have influenced its common name 'crab apple'.

Visit the crab apple at Howe Park Wood, which lies between Chaffron Way H7 and Tattenhoe Street V2.

### Oak in Campbell Park



Did you know?

- The majestic oak in Campbell Park borders the cricket pitch and is part of a vista of trees that turn spectacular colours in the autumn months.
- The oak is the most common tree in England.
- Oaks can grow up to 130ft but growth tends to slow when they get to 120 years old.
- Oak leaves are around 10cm long with 4-5 deep lobes and smooth edges.

This beautiful oak tree can be seen at Campbell Park, which is at the far east end of thecentre:mk, linked to the shopping centre and theatre district by footbridges.

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