

The Special Trees of West Hill Project

West Hill is a woodland village. Most houses are screened by hedges and tree-lined banks providing a high degree of privacy and creating the rural, wooded character that we all appreciate.

Some trees are protected by Tree Preservation Orders, which prohibits even minor works without planning permission. But what about the rest? Groups of trees or individual trees may not in themselves be special but their removal would nevertheless destroy the woodland character of West Hill.

And so a group of volunteers, promoted by the former Residents' Association, began a project to survey the trees and hedgerows of the village and record those within and around the village which are thought worthy of special note and which contribute to the woodland character. It is hoped that by singling out these "special" trees, residents will come to appreciate their contribution to our community and help to protect them, thus safeguarding our woodland village for future generations.

The project, known as the "Special Trees of West Hill" (or STOWH) Project has been several years in the making and aims to produce a document (on-line and/or hard copy) detailing the trees within and around the village which are thought worthy of special note and protection. It will eventually include and provide links to advice on how they can be protected, maintained and when necessary replaced with new trees.

As the report is rather bulky, due to the number of maps within it, we have divided it up to make it easier to view. Just click on the links to open each section in PDF format:

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How you can help

Do you have a favourite tree, or perhaps lots of favourites, that you would like to see included in the survey? If so, please provide the details of where it is and what variety it is, so the STOWH volunteers can make sure that it is included in the survey. The survey as prepared only includes trees that are visible to the public from the roads.

You can phone:

Eileen Perkins (Tree Warden) 01404 815905

Or leave the details at the Post Office, in the shop, marked "Special Trees"

We look forward to hearing from you.