



WEST LODGE PARK
YOUR COUNTRY RETREAT



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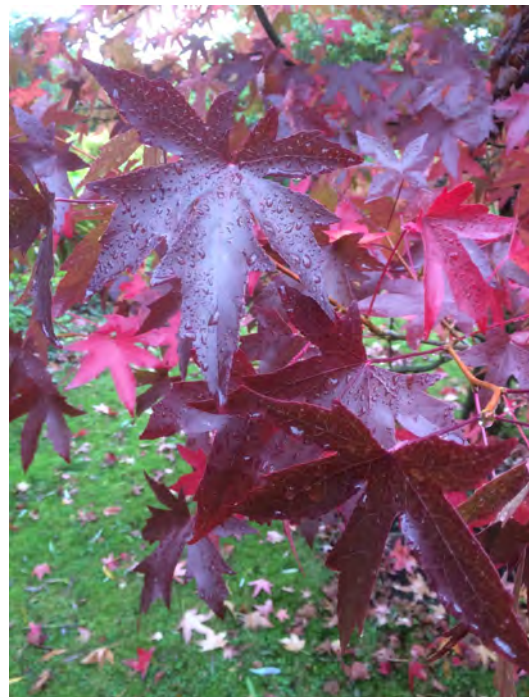
We seem to be sliding slowly into autumn this year, due to the above average temperatures, currently up to 20°C with lows of around 8°C at night.

This in turn affects our trees, extending the time for the leaves to reabsorb their chlorophyll, thus giving the leaves rich autumn colours.

When the temperature plummets and the first frosts appear, this process accelerates, until finally the leaves start to drop and the trees prepare themselves for winter and dormancy.



Hamamelis mollis 'Goldcrest'



Liquid ambers

Really good colour is showing from our **witch hazel** at the bottom of the main vista on of the arboretum.

The **liquid ambers** or sweet gums, are turning first this year, closely followed by our maple collection.



But it's not all about colour. With leaves starting to fall, fruit on various trees start to be really noticed. Two fantastic samples of these are the **crab apple** and **hawthorn**.

**Crataegus grignonensis
(hawthorn)**



**Malus 'golden hornet'
(crab apple)**



With leaves now starting to fall they also leave a colourful carpet, before they are collected up by our gardeners. Why not spend a couple of hours in the Beale Arboretum, followed by a hot coffee afterwards in the hotel lounge? A healthy and heart warming way to spend a couple of hours.

Acer saccharum 'Temple's Upright'

If you are interested in **planting a commemorative tree** in the grounds this autumn, perhaps to celebrate the life of a loved one, or for a special occasion, please contact Grant Cook, Estates Manager on grantcook@bealeshotels.co.uk or 07973 538254

If you are interested in putting together a group for a **guided tour** of the Beale Arboretum, please contact Jane Gray - headoffice@bealeshotels.co.uk or 0208 216 3904 - Tours are free of charge midweek and £3.50 per person at the weekend.

If you are interested in **volunteering** for work in the Beale Arboretum, in exchange for a range of benefits at West Lodge Park Hotel, please contact Grant Cook, Estates Manager on grantcook@bealeshotels.co.uk or 07973 538254.

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