



West Lodge Park
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Beale Arboretum News

Summer 2021

Having successfully accomplished National Collection status in respect of the **European Hornbeams** (*Carpinus betulus*) and **Swamp Cypress** (*Taxodium*) we grow, there is only



Hornbeam (*Carpinus betulus*)

one direction in which we can travel, that is to apply to Plant Heritage for inclusion of another genus in the trees that we are fortunate enough to be able to grow.



Indian Bean Tree (*Catalpa*)

We chose the **Indian Bean Tree** (*Catalpa*) - why? Because we like them and they have already proven to be well suited to the conditions at West Lodge Park. They also wait until most other trees have flowered, extending the season through to late summer.

The trees which have been planted have become well established and some are already producing flowers, which carry a faint but very pleasant scent.





Some of its lesser known qualities are that the wood is hard, the bark has tonic and antiseptic qualities and honey made from the flowers is said to be poisonous.

Wherever you go and whatever you read we are constantly being encouraged to plant more trees. West Lodge Park scores highly with this initiative and it is always exciting to see the leaf buds unfolding, especially if it is a species you haven't grown before.

The weather conditions experienced this year have been quite a challenge, but trees have the tendency to remain dormant until conditions are suitable for growth.

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for charity

We have arboretum tours with Managing Director, Andrew Beale, going out regularly, and the autumn **NGS Garden Open Day** for charity on **Sunday 24th October**.

Come and see us, you will be pleasantly surprised.

Paul Akers - Beale Arboretum Consultant



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 020 8216 3904 - Tours are free of charge midweek and £3.50 per person at the weekend.

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