



WEST LODGE PARK  
YOUR COUNTRY RETREAT



## Beale Arboretum News ~ Winter 2015



**Taxodium distichum**

Following the St. Jude's storm damage to our **Taxodium distichum** (seen in the background), a replacement was planted in 2014. We are still undecided if the old one will be taken down.



**Abies cephalonica, Abies A.forrestii, Abies squamata, Abies georgei**

Take a look at the new winter planting of the four **Abies** (conifer species) in the main arboretum. When fully grown they should reach a height of 60 - 70 ft.



Part of our winter maintenance work is to **upgrade the pathways** - see the work in progress in its three stages above.

It's also a time for **clearing** (pic left). The copse at the bottom of the arboretum will be dug out to make way for future planting.







**Hamamelis mollis (Witch hazel)**

In addition to the winter flowers look out for the lovely corkscrew effect of the **Corylus**, which unusually is less attractive when in flower!



**Corylus avellana 'Contorta' (Corkscrew hazel)**



**Sarcococca confusa**

Just right of the large poplars, coming back up the arboretum, you may notice a lovely fragrance drifting in the air. This is from the honey-scented winter flowers of the **Sarcococca** (sweet box). It also creates a fountain of green all year.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:grantcook@bealeshotels.co.uk) or 07973 538254.

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