



WEST LODGE PARK  
YOUR COUNTRY RETREAT



## Beale Arboretum Winter News ~ February 2019



It's been like Christmas several times over with all the gifts of new trees. They have been donated by several well-wishers - growers up and down the country.

The National Pinetum at Bedgebury in Kent has once again been generous, as has Edinburgh Botanic Garden in East Lothian. A fine range of material all in excess of their needs have been given to us and we have taken advantage of the good conditions at West Lodge Park to get them in the ground where they will continue to receive adequate care and attention until they are established.

We have no wish to become too involved with statistics, but by the time the current tree planting finishes in a few weeks at the end of March, we will have **planted close to 100 trees** this winter in the arboretum and there is still plenty of space for more! All are clearly labelled with both common and sometimes tongue twisting botanical names.



We are pleased to be able to bring you some more good news. You will already have heard that we decided to appoint a specialist with dual experience in the ability to identify trees accurately and also transfer the information to a software mapping device. The exercise has now been completed and the plan of the arboretum is live on our website at [www.westlodgepark.co.uk/assets/files/downloads/West\\_Lodge\\_Hotel\\_Arboretum\\_-\\_Species\\_Plan\\_-\\_V3\\_Oct\\_2018.pdf](http://www.westlodgepark.co.uk/assets/files/downloads/West_Lodge_Hotel_Arboretum_-_Species_Plan_-_V3_Oct_2018.pdf) and tree data at [www.westlodgepark.co.uk/arboretum/about-the-arboretum/](http://www.westlodgepark.co.uk/arboretum/about-the-arboretum/).

A lot of good work has gone into this exercise and we encourage you to make use of the data which has been collected.



**Persian Ironwood**

It is rather too early in the year to expect to find a great deal of plant material in flower. However, the **Persian Ironwood** from Iran and the **Caucasus** is in full flower at the moment. They consist of clusters of red stamens and you will find the tree on the edge of the perimeter planting, parallel to the Cockfosters road. It is of course carrying a label and it is well worth a visit.

Considerable coverage in the national and professional press has been given to ash trees in recent years. This has related to Ash Dieback Disease. One of our ash trees has been declared a **Champion** and is now entered on the Tree Register of Britain and Ireland, having attained a lofty 18.5m. It is a form of ash known as **Westhof's Glorie**, and carries a blue label to distinguish it from the others.



**Westhof's Glorie**



### **Grant Cook ~ Estates Manager**

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

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