



WEST LODGE PARK  
YOUR COUNTRY RETREAT



## Beale Arboretum Winter News ~ February 2020



**Main Lake**

This winter has been one of the wettest on record, with the **main lake** at its highest level for many years. However, the mild weather means a walk round the Beale Arboretum is still a pleasant pass-time with many evergreens to look out for.

If you're not suitably prepared, take advantage of Wellington boots provided at the main entrance ... and borrow an umbrella too if required!

Even in winter, there are other interesting aspects to admire, just look at the **panoramic view** of obscure shapes and intricate structure of the deciduous trees. [pic right]



**Callicarpa (Beautyberry)**

In addition, there is a great variety of colour to admire at this time of the year like the **callicarpa** and **witch hazel**. [pics below]

**Witch hazel**





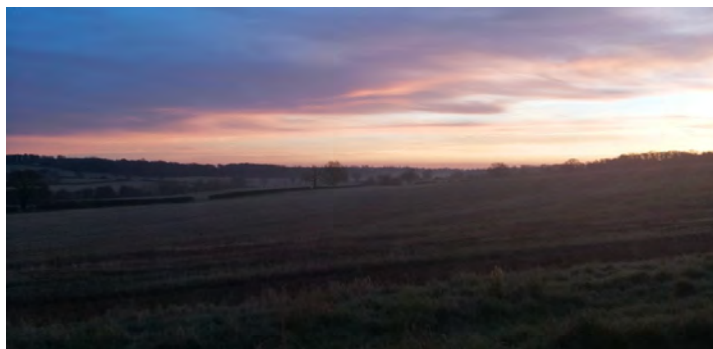
**Catkins**, the male flowers of the corkscrew hazel are a true sign of winter, and first appear at the end of twigs as leaves fall in October or November. [pic left]

### **Catkin**

The wildlife is always in great abundance with many sightings of foxes taking sanctuary in the arboretum, and muntjac deer spotted along the woodland walk.

It's at this time of the year when our new tree planting programme takes place with many new varieties of interest being added to the ever-growing tree population in the Beale Arboretum. Repair works to our pathways are also carried out and will soon be complete for this year.

Finally, whatever the time of year or weather, you can always enjoy the exceptionally **stunning views** across the open farm land.



### **Paul Beatty ~ Gardener**

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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