

Exploring Westonbirt's Heritage



We believe that the unique heritage of Westonbirt's important tree collection and Grade 1 landscape must be safeguarded.

Reuniting the heritage of the wider Westonbirt Estate is an integral element of the Westonbirt Project. The planned Treetop Walkway and Heritage Tower will provide an exciting route into the tree canopy for visitors to explore and learn about the history of Westonbirt's tree collection in new ways.

The Heritage Tower will provide a viewing platform at 25 metres in the top of the canopy, showcasing views across the whole historic Holford estate.

Improving Visitor Experience



Our mission at Westonbirt is to connect people with trees to improve the quality of life.

Novel methods of interpretation will start in the Welcome Building and help guide visitors on their journey around Westonbirt's collection of some of the world's most important tree specimens.

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Westonbirt Project



The Friends of Westonbirt Arboretum are leading an ambitious project to protect and develop the National Arboretum for the future.

The plans will conserve the heritage of Westonbirt's unrivalled tree collection and bring exciting experiences and new visitors to the Arboretum.

Westonbirt, the National Arboretum based in Gloucestershire, is one of the **most significant tree gardens** in the world

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Inspirational Learning

Caring for the Tree Collection



Internationally renowned for its unique heritage, diverse tree collection and contributions to conservation and climate change research, Westonbirt is now looking to the future with the Westonbirt Project, an ambitious development plan.

The long-term project is being spearheaded by the Friends of Westonbirt Arboretum; a non-profit making organisation operating alongside the Forestry Commission at Westonbirt in a formal management partnership.

Phased developments will enhance visitor experience and deliver much needed improvements to outdated buildings and facilities. Inspirational interpretation and education programmes will be delivered alongside the new facilities and more diverse opportunities will be created for people to get involved through volunteering.



Westonbirt's education team welcomes thousands of children from schools and playgroups into the Arboretum's safe and stimulating environment each year.

We'd like to work with more people, from a wider variety of backgrounds. We want to be able to use more exciting methods of interpretation to help them benefit from Westonbirt's inspirational learning surroundings.

We plan to build a modern, flexible Education & Learning Building with several classrooms and increased resources.

With this facility, we will be able to develop new partnerships and deliver programmes to engage fresh audiences, including secondary students, vulnerable and excluded adults, social and community groups.



An improved Propagation Unit is the future of Westonbirt's trees. We will create a purpose built, biosecure compound that will allow visitors to walk around the perimeter and watch our propagators at work.

Visitors will be able to see how our future landscape might look with the planned '2050 Glade'. This test bed for trees will recreate the traditional landscape, but be planted with species chosen for their ability to thrive in a rapidly changing environment.

We'll be able to share more about our partnership work with organisations such as Kew Gardens and the Millennium Seed Bank to protect native and international species at risk from climate change and disease.

Our plans also include a Operations Area for the Tree Team to house the essential equipment used to maintain the Arboretum.