



Worth Park Eco News

Putting the Environment First

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Worth Park Goes Pesticide Free

Since the beginning of April 2019, Worth Park no longer uses pesticides to control pests and diseases.

This is better for the environment and the well-being of the local community.



Global News

Climate change and pollinators

It is true that due to human activity our world is facing unprecedented challenges and this is also true for our pollinators.

When temperatures start to rise some plants may flower less or maybe not at all, but pollinators require floral diversity in order to survive.

If there are no pollinators to transfer pollen to our plants than their future is bleak as well.



Champion Trees of Worth Park



The Tree Register of Britain and Ireland

After updating their records, they are now pleased to confirm the following champions:

Swedish birch, No.1 on the Tree Trail, is a West Sussex champion for its height and girth 22.5m x 119cm.

Although this variety has been recorded with a height up to 30m several of the tallest have now gone and it rarely exceeds 25m.

Catalpa bignonioides No.13 on the Tree Trail is a West Sussex champion for its height of 17.5m. Unusually tall for this species the height has been confirmed. Our Catalpa is one of the top 10 tallest in Britain!

Ilex aquifolium 'Perry's Weeping' - the lovely mushroom shaped variegated holly that is located just before you enter the secret garden - is the West Sussex champion for its height of 5m, but all of the tallest known in Britain are also around 5m and so, without measuring them all to the nearest centimetre, joint British champion for height.

Morus alba (White mulberry) by the car parking spaces at the front of Milton Mount flats, is West Sussex champion for height and girth 9m x 128cm.

Acer rubrum 'Scanlon', beyond the big cedar of Lebanon by the St Catherine's Drive entrance, has grown from being West Sussex champion to become the British champion for girth 160cm.

This was recorded as 'Scanlon' in 1997 when presumably it was a much narrower and fastigiate looking tree.

For more information please visit the web site at:



www.treeregister.org

