



THE ARBORY TRUST

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ARBORY TRUST Barton Glebe

This year promises to be both significant and exciting, as we celebrate our Tenth Anniversary, and move forward with our expansion. Whilst it may seem a little strange to be using the word 'exciting' in connection with a burial ground, we very much hope that everyone involved in any way with the Arbory Trust will be able to share with the Trustees the delight of having established a burial ground in a thriving young woodland in a relatively short space of time, with excellent prospects for the future.

We have therefore planned a special day in June to celebrate, and we hope you will put the date in your diaries now, and join us at some stage during the day.

The Arbory Trust Tenth Anniversary Celebration



Open Day

Wednesday June 16th 2010

At the Arbory Trust Woodland Burial Ground Barton

From 10 am to 6pm

Grand Opening of the newly refurbished Lodge at 12 noon
by Arbory Trust Trustee Professor David Bellamy

Meet the trustees, explore the new phase and see the grounds in early summer glory



The Lodge

We are thrilled that in January we will see the start of our much-needed Lodge extension. We will be creating a purpose-built meeting room to accommodate gatherings of about 75 people, rather than the current 25-30 that can be comfortably seated in our existing room. We will also be improving kitchen and toilet facilities which in turn will increase the versatility of the building, enabling both services and post-funeral gatherings to take place all in one location.

Whilst we have sufficient funds in hand to commence the work, and feel it is important to proceed in order to offer these upgraded facilities as soon as possible, we still need to raise further funds to cover the full expense without having to resort to loans or bridging finance if at all possible. Therefore with this newsletter you will find a Tenth Anniversary Appeal leaflet, and we ask you to consider whether you are able to help support this work in any way, large or small. Every single donation will be very much valued and put to very good use.

The Next Phase

The field to the north of the current site has now been planted up in a similar design to the first phase, with an additional eleven glades which will be available for burial in a few years' time. The design was again created by Steve Scott of the Forestry Commission, and the planting includes ash, alder, hornbeam, birch, oak, wayfaring trees, yew, dogwood, barberry, whitebeam, wild service, spindle, crabapple, willow field maple and aspen. The observant visitor may have noticed that we hosted a flock of 50 Cumbrian Rough Fell sheep in the late Summer/Autumn. They helped keep the vegetation short whilst the land lay fallow prior to planting.



The new trees will now be given time to settle in and become established before we open this area for burial. There will be access into the new area for walkers only once the ditch crossing has been completed (no vehicles will be permitted). The view from the top of the field is a just reward for those who are able to make it up there!

A Reminder of some important Site Rules

We are grateful to you all for observing our Rules and Regulations, and responding promptly when asked to remove items that are not permitted. Just a few reminders at this point:

- NO BEDDING PLANTS are permitted- this includes pansies, garden cyclamen & marigolds, begonias etc. If following the plant list recommendations, please ensure that plants used are as specified by the latin name.
- NO greetings cards may be left- they go soggy, and become detached and blow around.
- NO vehicles may proceed beyond the car park without prior permission, which is only granted by the Administrator.
- NO waste should be left behind the lodge- please take it home with you. This includes your dog's waste.
- NO grave tending or gardening is permitted. All graves are sown with seed to encourage a good covering of grass. Please allow nature to take its course.
- All plaques must be no larger than an A3 piece of paper, must be wooden and flush to the ground, not upright, and must be ON the graves. All plaques not placed in this manner will be adjusted to meet the requirements without further notice.

Benches.

Some benches have been removed because they now present a hazard. A replacement policy will be decided upon by the Trustees in due course, but in the meantime new benches may not be placed anywhere on site.

Summary

As we move forward into a new year and new phase of our existence, we continue to enjoy the rewards of nature's beauty, in the growth and varied hues of the trees, in the kaleidoscope of colours each spring, and in the many different bird songs that greet one whatever the weather, and whatever the time of year. It is well worth visiting in each season to appreciate the way in which the grounds change, but especially this year we hope you will join us on June 16th to help celebrate the progress of the Trust thus far.

As always, you are most welcome to contact us at any time, via email or telephone, and to visit on Wednesday mornings from 9-11am, or at other times by appointment.

Deryn Coe, Administrator.