

## Champion Trees of Queenswood

This trail will lead you around the arboretum to find nine of Queenswood's Champion trees as recorded by the Tree Register of the British Isles.

Details of each tree can be found on the post which accompanies the tree.

## The Tree Register of the British Isles (TROBI)

The Tree Register is a registered charity which collates and updates a database of notable trees throughout Britain and Ireland. This is a unique register and provides information on the size and growth of trees which is not available from any other source.

It records details of rare, unusual and historically significant trees and includes historical records from reference works going back more than 200 years.

To find out more information about the Tree Register (Registered Charity No. 801565) visit [www.treeregister.org](http://www.treeregister.org) or telephone 01234 768884

## What is a 'Champion Tree'?

The Tree Register has a network of over 50 volunteer tree measurers who update historical records and discover over 2,000 new trees worthy of inclusion on the Register each year. They record the largest trees of each species in Britain and Ireland and they call these 'champion trees'.

The Tree Register believe that the importance, appreciation and enjoyment of any tree can be greatly enhanced by knowing it is of particular significance as a rare or exceptional specimen locally or nationally.

The trees at Queenswood were surveyed in 2009 by Dr Owen Johnston on behalf of the Tree Register who informed us that the Queenswood Arboretum was home to a number of Champion Trees. Some of the trees are Herefordshire Champions, the finest in the county and others are UK Champions, the finest or biggest in the country.

## For further information:

### Adopting a tree at Queenswood

If you would like to adopt a memorial tree at Queenswood please ask the Tourist Information Centre for a leaflet and form or contact the Countryside Service Tel: 01432 260073 or visit [www.herefordshire.gov.uk/queenswood](http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/queenswood)

### Queenswood Guide to the Park

If you would like to obtain a copy of the full map of Queenswood Country Park along with more information about some of the trees and features at Queenswood please purchase a Guide to the Park leaflet available from the National Trust shop priced £1.

### Walks and family fun at Queenswood

To find out more about guided walks looking at the trees and wildlife of Queenswood and other family activities taking place at the country park please pick up a copy of the Queenswood Walks and Family Fun leaflet available from the National Trust shop.



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### Queenswood Country Park and Arboretum

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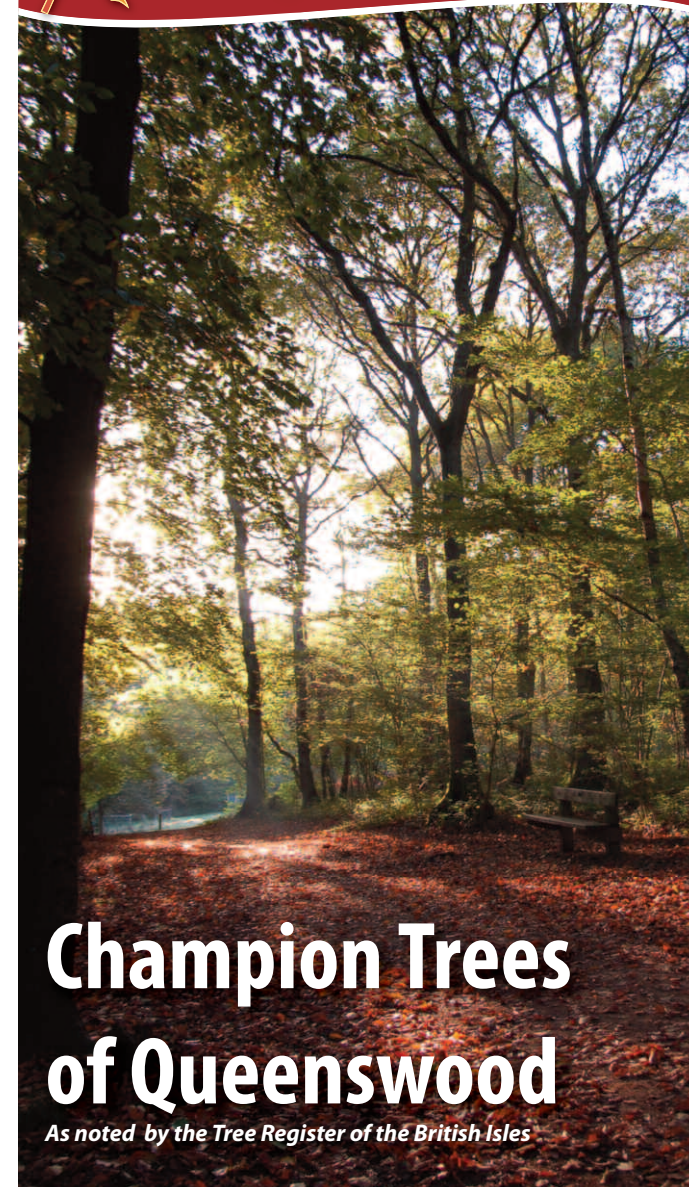
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*As noted by the Tree Register of the British Isles*



### G362 Cork Oak

*Quercus suber*

Herefordshire Champion

The source of cork as traditionally used in bottles. Widely planted in Spain and Portugal and other parts of the Mediterranean for cork production.

The bark is stripped away about every nine years, in many species this would kill the tree, however the important cambium layer which feeds the tree is undamaged and the cork bark regrows ready for another harvest.

The future of these planted cork woods, their unique wildlife and the associated way of life is under threat due to the widespread use of plastic 'corks' and screw top bottles.

### H323 Erman's Birch

*Betula ermanii* 'Grayswood'

Herefordshire Champion

A native of North east Asia, *Betula ermanii* is notable for its white and pinkish bark which peels and hangs from the bowl (trunk) of mature trees. 'Grayswood' is a form selected for its white bark.

### H139 Norway Maple Crimson King

*Acer plantanoides* 'Crimson King'

UK Champion

Another UK Champion, Norway maple is native to a wide European range from southern Scandinavia to the Caucasus Mountains of Southern Russia and Georgia. This cultivar with deep crimson purple leaves grew from seedlings from a tree in Belgium in the 1930s

### K194 Himalayan Birch

*Betula utilis* 'Jermyns'

UK Champion

One of our UK Champion trees. *Betula utilis* widely occurs in the Himalaya from Afghanistan to South West China. 'Jermyns' originates from Belgium and is noted for its fine white bark and long catkins.

### C198 Algerian Oak

*Quercus canariensis*

Herefordshire Champion

A fine and rare tree growing up to 30m high in this country. This tree is similar to the Antarctic Beech in that it retains many of its leaves through the winter.

### A302 Rowan Winter Cheer

*Sorbus winter cheer*

UK Champion

This tree, although small is never the less a UK champion. It is a hybrid (the offspring) of two different types of Chinese Rowan. These two trees are covered in bright orange berries in the autumn, lasting well into the winter months hence its name of Winter Cheer.



*Sorbus winter cheer*

### A16 Antarctic Beech

*Nothofagus antarctica*

Herefordshire Champion

A native to the high mountains of the southern Andes of Chile and Argentina. An unusual tree in that it is an evergreen broadleaf.

Most broadleaved trees' leaves turn brown and fall off in autumn, the

Antartic Beech's leaves stay green throughout the year

and don't all fall off at once.

### D37 Bhutan Pine

*Pinus wallichiana*

Herefordshire Champion

This tree is a conifer, a name usually associated with trees that bear cones and have needles.

The accurate meaning of the term conifer is to describe a gymnosperm, a plant that has 'naked' seeds that can be seen in the cone or fruit of the tree without having to cut it open. The Bhutan is notable for its long cones, 10 to 30cm long, and needles in groups of five. Seeds from this tree have been collected by one of our regular visitors and a young specimen has been planted in the arboretum (F886), which you can find during this trail.

### E222 Lawson Cypress

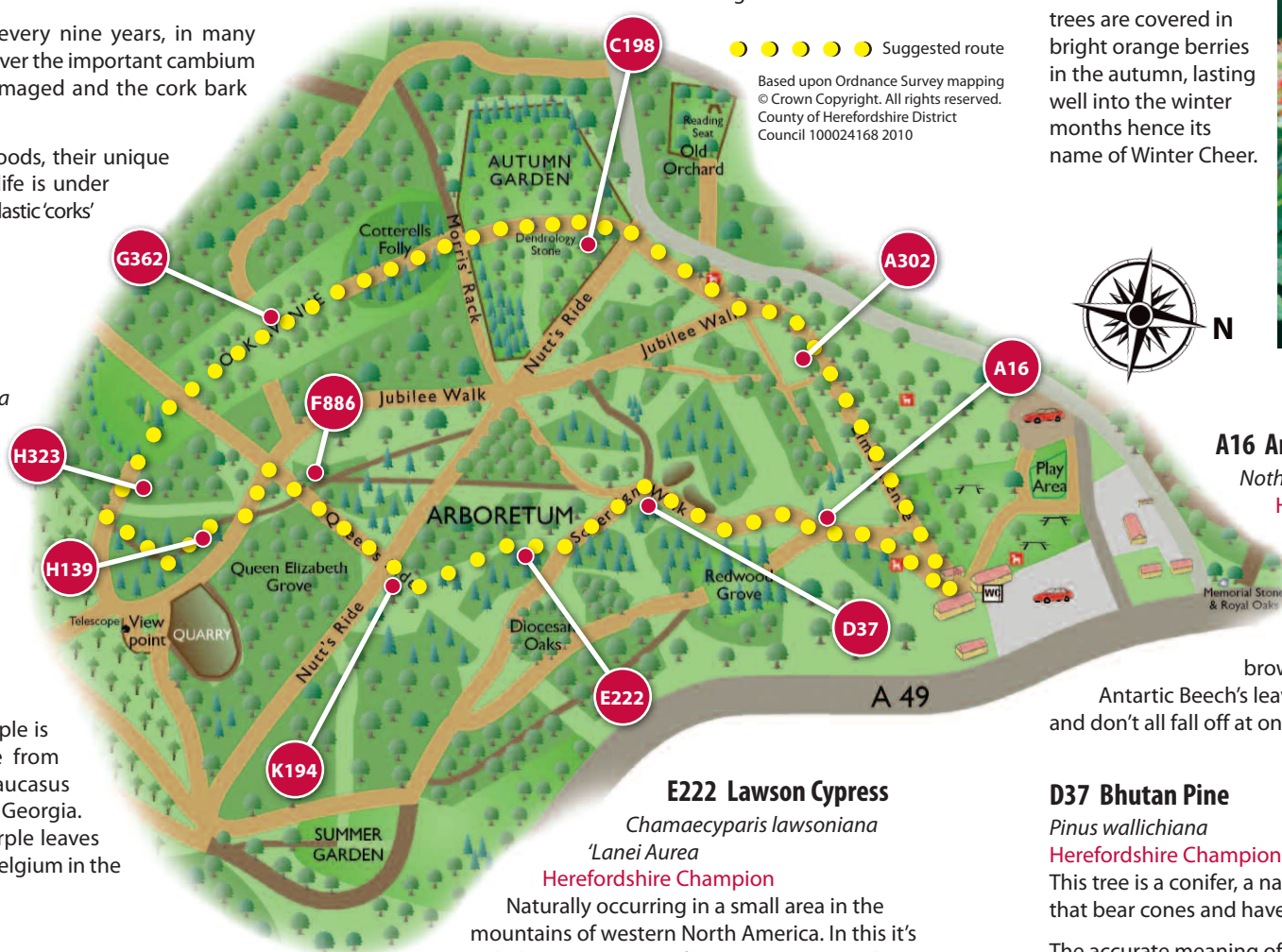
*Chamaecyparis lawsoniana*

'Lanei Aurea'

Herefordshire Champion

Naturally occurring in a small area in the mountains of western North America. In this it's native habitat it is very uniform in appearance, however once brought to Europe it has thrown up a huge variety of colour, form and foliage. As such these varieties have been used widely in planting domestic gardens.

This cultivar, named after Lanes Nursery in Berkhamstead where it was first grown, is noted for it's golden yellow foliage. You will have to search for the post for this tree as it's hiding in the tree's skirts



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