

Adopt a Tree

A great way to mark a special occasion...



...celebrate a birth, anniversary, or special birthday!



**Herefordshire
Council**



Adopting a tree at Queenswood



Whatever your reason for wanting to adopt a tree - whether it is to celebrate a birth, christening, a special birthday present, a wedding anniversary, a milestone for your club or organisation or as a memorial tree to celebrate the life of a loved one, then Queenswood Arboretum has a wide range of trees to suit every occasion.

The cost of adopting a memorial tree is £200 (for either a newly planted tree or an existing mature specimen).

This price includes the adoption post and plaque and an entry in the Queenswood tree database. We now also include 'The Tree Guarantee'.

What type of tree can I adopt?

Queenswood is a maturing arboretum and so less new trees are now planted each year to allow the older specimens space to flourish and achieve their potential.



At Queenswood you can choose to adopt a mature tree or one of the recently planted specimens and if you have a preference for a certain species of tree then we will do our best to assist you.

If you are unsure then we can guide you through the process and come up with suggestions for suitable trees.



How do I adopt a tree?

Simply fill out your details on the enclosed form and send it back to:
Tree adoptions, Queenswood Country Park, Dinmore Hill, Leominster HR6 0PY
Alternatively contact the Queenswood Ranger Tel: 01432 260073 or
email: queenswood@herefordshire.gov.uk

Once we have your details the Queenswood Ranger will contact you to help you through the adoption process:

- Choosing the right tree for you
- Assisting with the wording for your adoption plaque
- Payment (and giftaid where appropriate)

The Queenswood Coronation Fund

The 'Queenswood' you see today is not only a country park, but also an internationally recognised 'arboretum' (a collection of exotic trees from all over the world).

The planting of the arboretum began in 1953 to mark the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. It was funded by a public appeal 'The Queenswood Coronation Fund' launched by Sir Richard Cotterell who was then the Chairman of the Queenswood Management Committee and the Lord Lieutenant of Herefordshire.



The numerous donations from the people of Herefordshire allowed Sir Richard to realise part of his vision for the site and purchase many of the rare and beautiful trees that can still be enjoyed today.



The work of the Queenswood Coronation Fund received international recognition in 1981 when the arboretum received the prestigious Dendrology Award from the International Dendrology Society.

The Queenswood Coronation Fund is a perpetual fund and is now a Registered Charity (No. 518624) which continues to receive many donations from those who have visited and enjoyed the country park and arboretum and manages the memorial tree scheme.

Donations to the Queenswood Coronation Fund

If you would prefer not to adopt a tree but would like to make a more general donation to the Queenswood Coronation Fund then please contact us for details.

There are currently no vacancies for new memorial benches at Queenswood and are unlikely to be for at least the next 5 years.

Amey Herefordshire now manage parks and open spaces and may be able to help with a formal park bench at other locations in the county. Please contact ameyherefordshire@amey.co.uk for more information and to discuss suitable locations.



A Perpetual Appeal

Queenswood would not exist as a country park today if it were not for the generosity of the people of Herefordshire.

The land was originally purchased following a public appeal by the Council for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE) in 1934 following concerns that land in this beautiful area was being sold off for holiday homes with no planning control to prevent this from happening. This was because the woods were clear-felled during the First World War to provide timber for the war effort and by the 1930s the woodlands, which had once been managed for the profitable timber and coppice products were no longer economically viable.

In 1935 the County Memorial Scheme was launched to commemorate the Silver Jubilee of King George V and, in agreement with CPRE the woodland was handed over to Herefordshire County Council to be managed *'as an open space for the enjoyment of the public for all time'*.

Another public appeal was launched in 1987 which raised £150,000 and enabled major improvements to take place at the Country Park including the movement and re-erection of the timber framed buildings that are now the Café and Tourist Information Centre.

Queenswood Country Park is open all year round from dawn till dusk and includes a 67 acre arboretum and 103 acres of native woodland designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest due to its rich wildlife.



QUEENSWOOD COUNTRY PARK

Queenswood Country Park and Arboretum

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in partnership with the Queenswood Coronation Fund*

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