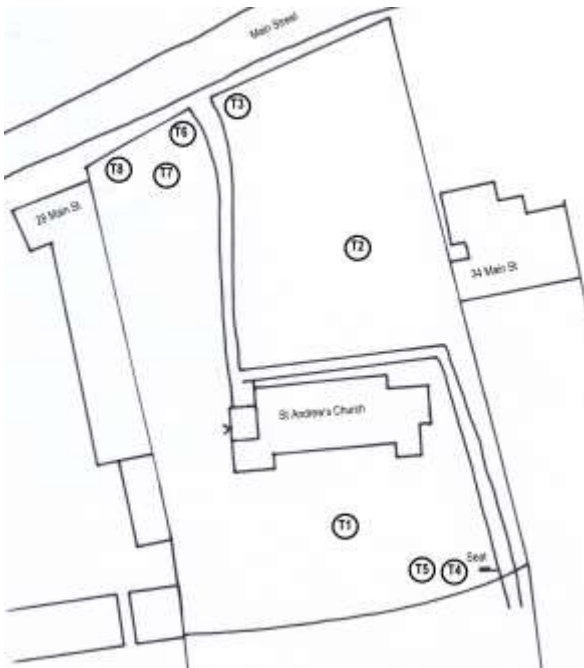


## Significant trees in Carlton

This report identifies and describes trees in the Parish of Carlton which are noteworthy because of their history, associations or character.

### 1. Commemorative trees

There are eight commemorative trees in Saint Andrew's Churchyard, labelled T1-T8 on the plan below.



Planting of T1 by the 1st Carlton Brownie Pack

T1 is a copper beech (*Fagus sylvatica* 'purpurea') planted in April 1977 to mark the Silver Jubilee of H M Queen Elizabeth II by the Carlton 1st Brownie Pack.

T2 is a weeping silver birch (*Betula pendula* 'Youngii'), also planted to mark the Silver Jubilee by the Carlton 1st Brownie Pack.

T3 is a Judas Tree (*Cercis siliquastrum*), planted in 1994 in memory of John Quilliam.

T4 is a Millennium Yew (*Taxus baccata*), grown from a cutting taken from a 200-year-old yew tree and planted in 2000 to mark the millennium.

T5 is an Irish yew (*Taxus baccata* 'fastigiata'), planted in 2005 in memory of George Karl Zuger, a WWII refugee and farmer who served as a Parish Councillor from 1961-1999.

T6, T7 and T8 were planted on 6th February 2022 to mark the Platinum Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth II.

T6 is a crab apple (*Malus* 'red jewel') and was planted by Sienna Morgan (aged 7) representing the 1st Market Bosworth Beaver Group, Harry Morgan (aged 8) representing the 1st Market Bosworth Scout Group, Jonny Morgan (aged 10) representing St. Peter's Primary School, and Nicola Morgan - Chair of 1st Market Bosworth Scout Group.

T7 is a Japanese rowan (*Sorbus commixta* 'Embley') and was planted by Jayne Dolman, who was a member of the 1st Carlton Brownie Pack in 1977 (front row, 3rd from left).

T8 is a Chinese hornbeam (*Carpinus omeiensis*) and was planted by Fiona Mansfield (nee Staples) who was also a member of the 1st Carlton Brownie Pack in 1977 (front row, 5th from left).



Planting of T6



Planting of T7



Planting of T8



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T9, T10 and T11 were planted on 23rd July 2013 to mark the start of work on the Carlton Affordable Housing Project, now Northfields.

T9 is a sessile oak (*Quercus petraea*) and was planted by representatives of Nottingham Community Housing Association, William Davis (Contractor) and Ian Sarson (Vice Chairman, Carlton Parish Council).

T10 is a field maple (*Acer campestre*) and was planted by (left to right) Elaine Smithard (Project Manager), Richard Windley (Rural Housing Enabler), and Val Bunting (H&BBC Housing Strategy Officer).

T11 is a small-leaved lime (*Tilia cordata* 'Greenspire') and was planted by Alan Sutton (left) and Helen Worton (right) who sold the land for the project.

T12 is a sessile oak (*Quercus petraea*) and was planted in June 2012 to mark the Diamond Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth II by Mia Cooper, with some help from her mother and Stuart Tupling (Chairman, Carlton Parish Council). At that time Mia Cooper was 7 weeks old and the youngest parish resident.



Planting of T9



Planting of T10



Planting of T11



Planting of T12

## 2. Protected trees

T13 marks the site of a belt of trees along the western side of Barton Road which are covered by the Leicestershire County Council Tree Preservation Order 1974 (TPO 1974).

T14 marks the site of a belt of trees along the western side of Barton Road ( LCC TPO 1974).

T15 is a mature English oak (*Quercus robur*) in the front garden of 81 Main St (LCC TPO 1974).

T16 is a mature common ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*) in the front garden of 65 Main Street (LCC TPO 1974).

T17 is a horse chestnut (*Aesculus hippocastanum*) in the back garden of 15 Main Street covered by the Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council Tree Preservation Order 1992.



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T17 in rear garden of 15 Main Street



T16 in front garden of 65 Main Street



T15 in front garden of 81 Main Street

### **3. Churchyard trees**

An aerial photograph taken in August 1956 shows most of the churchyard. The two Irish yew trees in front of the church are still present, but there are now several more Irish and English yews and hollies. The large tree in the top corner of the churchyard was a magnificent horse chestnut which became diseased and was eventually felled in 2014. To the side of this tree, with branches down to the ground, is an Austrian (?) pine which is now the only tall tree along this part of Main Street. The young tree near the church gate was a flowering cherry, which died and was removed in 2021. This photograph shows that most of the trees in the churchyard are not very old.



Saint Andrews Church, August 1956

In addition to the 8 commemorative trees listed in (1) above, the churchyard currently contains 19 trees and 2 shrubs.

In front of the church are 1 variegated and 1 green holly (*Ilex aquifolium*); 4 Irish yew (*Taxus baccata 'fastigiata'*); 3 golden English yew (*T.baccata 'lutea'*); 1 green English yew (*T.baccata*); 1 Lawson (?) cypress (*Chamaecyparis lawsoniana* possibly 'Lombartsii'); 1 (?) Austrian pine (*Pinus nigra* subsp *nigra*); 1 *Viburnum* sp.

On the western side of the church tower is 1 English yew.

In the churchyard between the church building and the cemetery: 3 variegated holly; 1 Irish yew; 1 English yew; 1 coppiced rowan (*Sorbus aucuparia*); 1 cypress shrub (? x *Cupressocyparis leylandii*).



Churchyard from Main Street, May 2022

In the Cemetery hedges: 2 rowan; 1 wild cherry (*Prunus avium*); 1 English oak (*Q.robur*).

#### 4. Highway trees

These are trees planted in highway verges. T18—T22 were planted by LCC Highways in 1991.

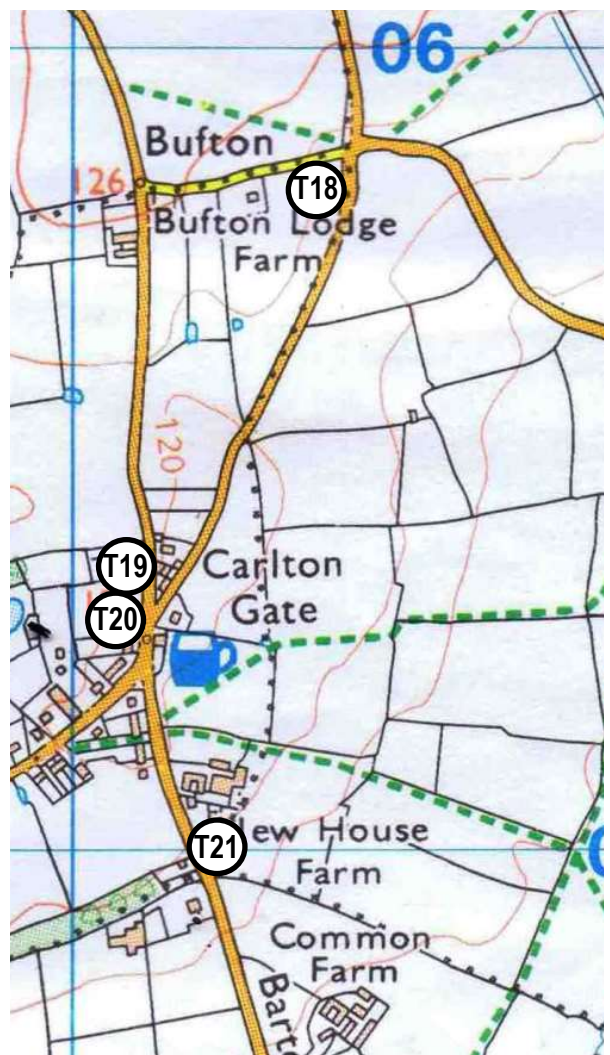
T18 is a row of 5 English oak (*Q. robur*); there are 5 more to the north of the cross roads on the western side of Nailstone Road.

T19 is a fastigate crab apple *Malus* sp.

T20 is a pair of fastigate hornbeam (*Carpinus betulus 'fastigiata'*).

T21 is a lime (?Common lime, *Tilia europaea*).

T22 is a common ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*).



## 5. Hedgerow trees

These are trees planted in or on the inside of hedgerows, or promoted from hedgerow plants. Their distribution is irregular, and although there are some mature trees - mainly oak, ash, horse chestnut and willow - the landscape as a whole is not well-treed and there are very few young trees. Elm trees were lost in the 1970's due to Dutch Elm disease and were not replaced, and ash are now succumbing to ash die-back disease. Against this background, the Parish Council has sought to promote and plant hedgerow trees along local roads.

Millennium avenues of sessile oak trees (*Quercus petraea*) were planted by the PC in 2000 in hedgerows along Barton, Bosworth and Nailstone Roads by agreement with the landowners. *Q.petraea* was chosen because it has a more upright habit than *Q.robur*, and is therefore less likely to produce low branches which would interfere with road traffic or farm machinery.

Pedunculate (English) oak trees (*Q.robur*) growing in hedgerows were also promoted at this time. The saplings planted were small, and not all survived. These plantings have been augmented by later plantings by the PC, and promotions by various landowners, and gaps are being filled by the planting of specimen trees by the PC. Saplings planted in hedgerows need regular watering for at least their first year, and must be clearly marked to ensure that they are not cut off by mechanical hedgetrimmers.

Young trees, planted and promoted since the year 2000 currently comprise:

Barton Road - west side - 5 *Q.robur*; 5 *Q.petraea*; 1 Field maple (*Acer campestre*).

Barton Road - east side - 3 *Q.petraea*; 1 *Ilex aquifolium*.

Bosworth Road - east side - 1 *Q.petraea*.

Congerstone Lane - south side - 3 *Q.robur*; 1 Turkey oak (*Q.cerris*); 2 *Acer campestre*;  
1 Norway maple (*Acer pseudoplatanus*); 1 Common lime (*Tilia europaea*); 1 Cherry (*Prunus sp*); 1 Sycamore (*Acer platanoides*); 1 Wild cherry (*Prunus avium*).

Congerstone Lane - north side - 2 *Q.Robur*.

Nailstone Road - east side - 2 *Q.petraea*.

Nailstone Road - west side - 1 *Q.robur*.

## 6. Other trees

T23 is an elm tree (*Ulmus minor var vulgaris* 'Upper Swell') propagated from a native tree with high resistance to Dutch Elm disease, donated to the Parish Council by Goscote Nurseries and planted in 2021.

T24 is a common alder (*Alnus glutinosa*) next to a pond in the Carlton Charity Lands which has been coppiced in the past and was found to have a girth of 4.77m at the base of the main trunk in 2016.

There are a number of old pollarded willows along Carlton Brook which are hollow and of high wildlife value.

The Carlton Diamond Jubilee Orchard contains 13 specimen trees and 10 fruit trees in addition to the three commemorative trees in (1) above. The fruit trees include a Shackerstone apple (Dumelow's seedling) and a 'Lord Derby' cooking apple. A detailed plan of the site can be found on the PC website. When the northern hedge was laid in 2022, two saplings were left to grow on as standard trees - a field maple between T2\* and T52\*, and a hornbeam between T52\* and T51\*. (\* - these tree numbers refer to the Carlton Diamond Jubilee Orchard Site Plan, April 2015).

Two bird cherry trees (*Prunus padus*) were planted on the western side of Little Lane in 1990.



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Most gardens contain mixtures of native and exotic trees and shrubs, and these make a very significant contribution to the street scene within the settlement. Regrettably, the increasing density of development means that there is now less space for large trees, front garden land is becoming hard surfaced to provide car parking, and hedges and plantings are being replaced by walls and security gates.

Woodlands and hedgerows are outside the scope of this report, but it is worth noting that although a few hedges have been removed over the last 25 years, the countryside remains reasonably well hedged and includes some very thick and old hedges which are valuable for wildlife. There are significant numbers of trees along Carlton Brook, and the railway line, and new areas of woodland have been planted around the sewage works, and to the rear of Willows, Shackerstone Walk, and 7, 34 and 89 Main St.

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