

Moorpool Conservation area

Secret tree walk

These additional notable trees can be included in the street tree walk or sought out separately. How many can you find hidden in plain sight or off the beaten track? Details overleaf.

Cockspur Thorn
Common Ash
Grey Poplar
Common Whitebeam
Black Poplar hybrid
Lombardy Poplar
Copper Beech
Horse Chestnut
English & Sessile Oaks

*Bird Cherry on
Moorpool Avenue*



Tree locator & facts

Cockspur Thorn – *Crataegus persimilis*

1ST ON SOUTH & 2ND ON NORTH SIDE OF EASTWAY

Elegant and colourful long-pronged North American import.

Common Ash – *Fraxinus excelsior*

TUCKED AWAY TOWARDS SOUTH END OF EAST PATHWAY

Dainty leaves on curving limbs. Flexible blonde timber burns even when green. Grey winter cast. Idiosyncratic sexuality.

Grey Poplar – *Populus canescens*

CORNER OF EASTWAY WITH MOORPOOL AVENUE

Stable hybrid of White Poplar and Aspen. Largely male. Jagged weeping canopy. Woolly cream emergent leaves.

Common Whitebeam – *Sorbus aria* ‘*Lutescens*’

BY ACCESS ROAD OPPOSITE POOL VIEW

Most popular clone. Pale leaves with white felted underside.

Black Poplar hybrid – *Populus x canadensis*

POOLSIDE BY PATH LEADING TO BOWLING GREEN

Cross between European Black Poplar and American Eastern Cottonwood. Favours the latter in appearance. Part of planting known to pre-date estate.

Lombardy Poplar – *Populus nigra* ‘*Italica*’

POOLSIDE BY PARK EDGE

Medieval Central Asian cultivar of Black Poplar. Male specimen.

Copper Beech – *Fagus purpurea*

OPPOSITE NUMBER 9 PARK EDGE

Also known as Purple Beech. Singularly dense foliage. Short-lived and quick to decay.

Horse Chestnut – *Aesculus hippocastanum*

SPREADING OVER SOUTH SIDE OF SPINNEY

Wild in mountains of Greece and Albania. Name probably derives from use in horse medicine and resemblance of fruit to that of unrelated Sweet Chestnut. Local owl roost.

English & Sessile Oaks – *Quercus robur* & *petraea*

PAIR TO NORTH & SOUTH SIDE OF SPINNEY RESPECTIVELY

Revered and symbolic. Traditional damp-resistant hardwood.