

The Wychwood Project

The Old Trees of Wychwood

The Wychwood Project has recently launched a new project aiming to celebrate and conserve the oldest trees in the Wychwood area. Lawrence Bee, a member of the Friends of

Wychwood who is closely involved in this initiative, says, "A tree does not have to be huge to be an important 'veteran' or 'ancient' tree, though such trees will usually be fatter than is typical for the type of species they are.

How Old is Old?

The age at which a tree can be regarded as ancient depends on the type of tree. For example an ancient birch tree might be only 100 years old, whilst an ancient oak may be several hundred years old." As part of its Ancient Habitats Programme, The Wychwood Project is encouraging people in the Wychwood area to let them know about any really old trees that they may own or that they



know about. Such trees are often tucked away in church yards, hedgerows, field corners or old woodland. Then, after seeking the landowner's permission, volunteer surveyors will

measure and record the tree. The Project can also offer advice on how best to care for these important trees.

Locating Really Old Trees

If you would like to let the Project know about an old tree, then please send in information on the type of tree, its location and, if possible, who should be contacted for further information, to:

Gavin Bird,
Thames Valley Environmental Records
Centre, Old Trees of Wychwood,
Fletcher's House, Park Street,
Woodstock, OX20 1SN
Tel: 01993 814147
Email: gavin.bird@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Wychwood Forest Fair 2007

LOCAL BUSINESSES! Do you wish to promote your services and products to a wider local audience? Then this year's Wychwood Forest Fair on Sunday 2nd Sept. 2007 at Capp's Lodge Farm, Swinbrook could be the place for you. The Wychwood Forest Fair has become the most popular local environmental show in Oxfordshire and is regularly attracting 4000 local visitors, with 150 different stalls. Here is an opportunity to get your message in front of thousands of local people who have the time to look and talk to you. We can offer spaces either inside or outside the trading marquee, advertising space within the Forest Fair programme, or you may wish to sponsor the event with banners or logos on display.

Contact: Ken Betteridge on: 01993 878615 for more information.