

Morden Park

Morden Park, one of the London Borough of Merton's flagship parks has become part of the **Capital Woodlands Project**.

The Capital Woodlands Project is a London Biodiversity Partnership project supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund and managed by Trees for Cities. The project aims to raise the public's appreciation of these woodlands by increasing access to the sites and creating new wildlife habitats.



Hawthorn

The park has been declared a Local nature reserve since 2000 and now the new habitats will encourage greater biodiversity & provide new areas to be appreciated by all members of the public. The woodlands will also be used for community and training work.

Over several years, many new trees have been planted by local residents, school groups and volunteers. The new species that have been planted are:

Silver Birch, Hazel, Hawthorn, Holly, Blackthorn, English Oak, Dog Rose, Rowan, Yew, Small Leaved Lime, Guelder Rose.



Dog Rose

These newly planted areas will add to the existing wooded areas, which is mainly a narrow belt of mixed native and exotic broadleaved woodland running along the margins of the park. The woodland is deepest in the South East corner of the site.

The other woodland species present are:

Horse Chestnut,
Common Lime,
Grey Poplar,
Turkey Oak,
Snowberry,
Wild Privet,
Ash.



Horse Chestnut leaf and conker

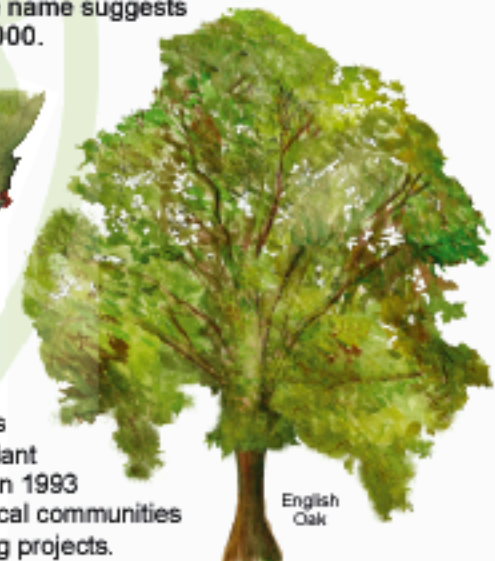
During the 2002 Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Year, local school children were involved in planting native whips over parts of the old cycle track. This area is now called the Jubilee Woodland.

Another small woodland area was planted in 2005 to commemorate the death of Admiral Lord Nelson, the borough's famous past resident. This area is known as the Trafalgar woodland.

The main new areas of planting are the Trafalgar Woodland and the Millennium Woodland, which was planted as the name suggests in the year 2000.



Oak leaf



English Oak

Trees for Cities is an independent charity set up in 1993 to work with local communities on tree planting projects.

Follow the paths and explore the woodlands. Look out for the **new** trees.

