

Chances Park – planting for people and wildlife

RECENT TREE PLANTING

- 1 Handkerchief Tree *Davidia involucrata*
- 2 Walnut *Juglans regia*
- 3 Weeping Birch *Betula pendula* 'Tristis'
- 4 Turkish Hazel *Corylus colurna*
- 5 Persian Ironwood *Parrotia persica*
- 6 Tulip Tree *Liriodendron tulipifera*
- 7 Small-leaved Lime *Tilia cordata*
- 8 Giant Redwood *Sequoia gigantea*

Red Oak *Quercus rubra*

English Oak *Quercus robur*

Red Maple *Acer rubrum* 'October Glory'

Western Red Cedar *Thuja plicata*

Oriental Plane *Platanus orientalis*

Japanese Maple *Acer* 'Osakazuki'

Magnolia *Magnolia* 'Galaxy'

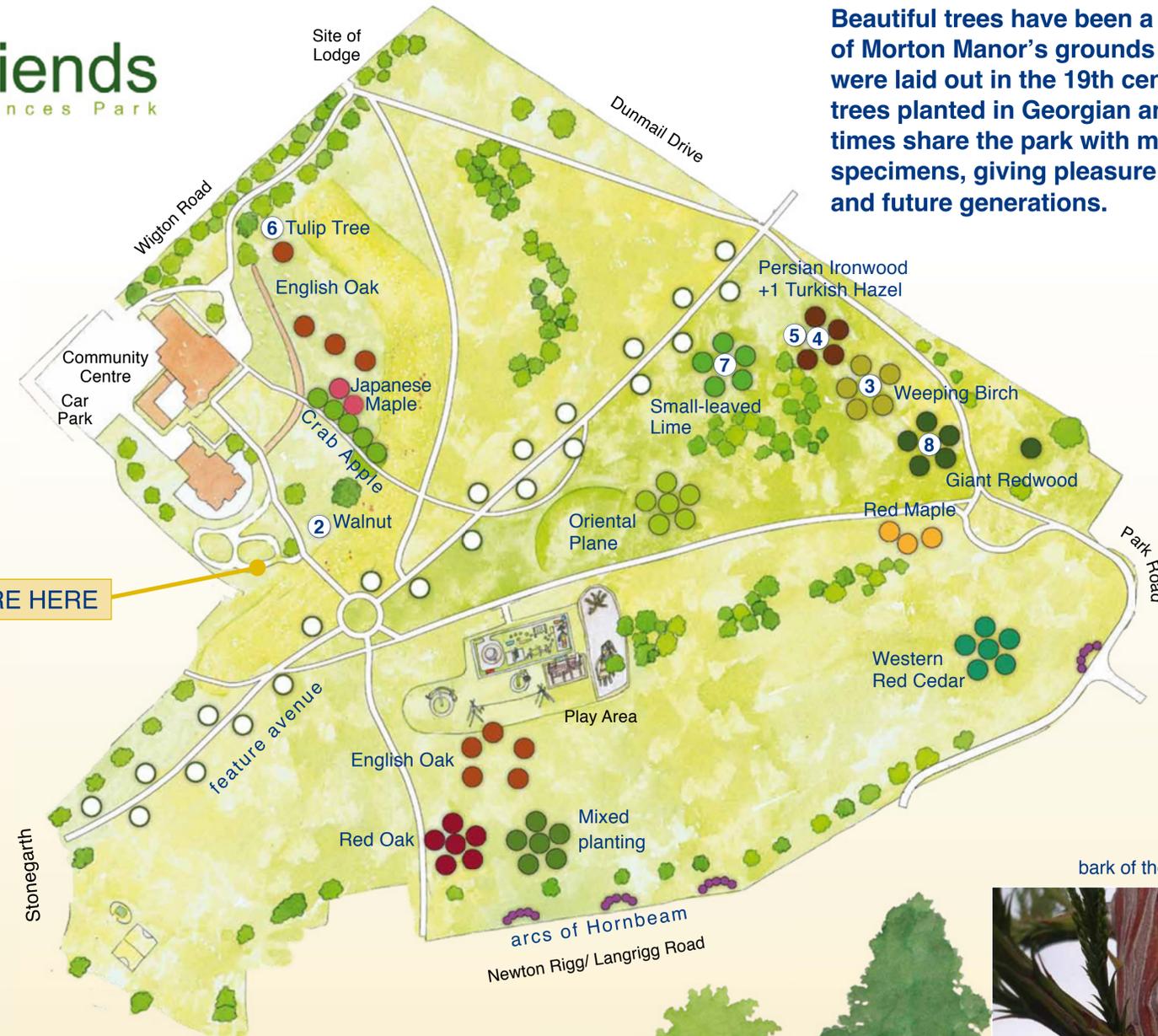
Magnolia *Magnolia* 'Wada's Memory'

Magnolia *Magnolia* 'Star Wars'

Hornbeam *Carpinus betulus*
'Frans Fontaine'

Crab apple *Malus* 'Everest'

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Beautiful trees have been a key element of Morton Manor's grounds since they were laid out in the 19th century. Today, trees planted in Georgian and Victorian times share the park with more recent specimens, giving pleasure to present and future generations.

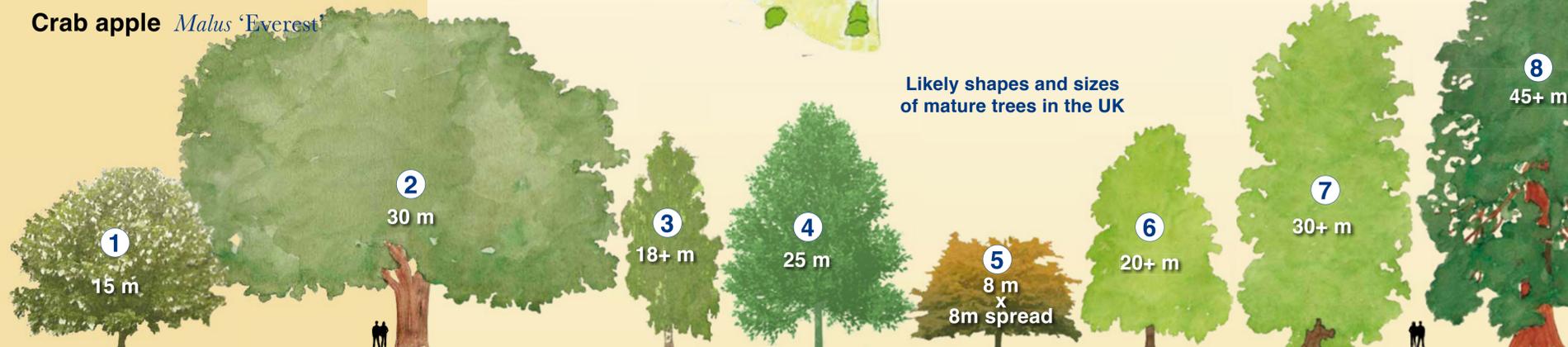
GEORGIAN TREE PLANTING

Many tree and shrub species were introduced into Britain in the 1800s, in response to growing demand for 'exotic' foreign plants. Plant collection and cultivation became part of expanding global trading networks, as botanists and nurserymen in this country and abroad sourced seeds and plants from places as far apart as China and Japan, Russia and New Zealand. However, most 'new' plants came from temperate regions of North America and Europe, and were therefore most likely to thrive in the British climate.

Long lines and circular groups of trees were planted both to harmonize the formal garden with the natural landscape beyond and to provide interest in themselves. Shelter-belts of trees gave protection from wind and prying eyes.

Some of the trees you see today, such as the walnut, the tulip tree, and the English oaks, have reached maturity. Others, like the feature avenue, the handkerchief trees, and the giant redwoods, are still young. All are part of Carlisle's natural heritage.

Details of other notable trees in the park can be found on the panel located near the Old Lodge entrance on Wighton Road.



A copy of this diagram, which shows the planting designed by David Redmore in 2007, can be obtained from Morton Manor Community Centre. A plan of planting of the Georgian Garden is also available. Both plans can be downloaded from www.friendsofchancespark.co.uk