

The Trees of Rosemount Park

Introduction

The aim of this leaflet is to guide the reader on a journey through the current trees in Rosemount Park, together with suggested additions to complement those already in place. The intention is to complete a collection of Scottish native specimens and to augment with naturalised, choice exotic and ancient types of trees, whilst retaining the existing character of the park.

History

The park was part of the land of Rosemount House with some of the trees dating back to this time. During the 20th century it was part of a dairy farm. Importantly, it also contains the Friars Well, the source for the town's Cross Well. Nearby there is archaeological evidence of occupation in the Neolithic /Bronze Age period, including the finding of a bronze spearhead. Next to the park is Rosemount Wood which is the site of the Carmelite Friary (c1280-c1560). Hidden away on the south side of the Union Canal, the park covers an area of about 3 hectares and contains in the region of 300 trees. Being within the Upper Linlithgow Conservation Area, this gives some legal protection for the trees.

There is a line of mixed conifer and deciduous trees along the western side of the park, with a sycamore dating back to c1800. Some large old specimens feature in the centre of the park, including beech, oak, sycamore, ash, lime, horse chestnut, and a field maple. Also to be found are two small copses containing large conifers and deciduous trees, with attractive Scots pine and Corsican pine as well as tall silver birch and whitebeam. There is an impressive line of pink and white flowering cherries and a relatively recent planting of limes, red oaks and field maples. Nearby is the location of the lost arboretum of Rockville but there is still an impressive Cedar of Lebanon visible from the park.

The Future

In recent years, Rosemount has lost some magnificent beeches and other old trees. West Lothian Council propose to do replanting for these lost trees in the autumn of 2019.

In the light of the already impressive collection of Scottish native trees numbering over 40 types, Burgh Beautiful is keen to arrange for the progressive completion of the park's collection to feature alongside some non-native, but naturalised specimens. Mindful of conserving the character of the park and sledging runs, consideration has been given to adding an appropriate small number of attractive exotic trees, such as magnolia, together with some ancient types, such as the ginkgo. By carrying out this planting, it would complete the wider collection of having an example from all the tree families, thus enhancing the park as well as increasing the environmental benefits.

The labelling of selected specimens of trees for identification and educational purposes would be in line with other arboreta, such as Edinburgh Botanical Gardens, leading to a greater appreciation of the treasure we have on our doorstep here in Linlithgow.

If you would like to help, please contact Burgh Beautiful bbi@lbt.scot

Triangle Wood

With WLC support, there is another project which is to create a small area of Community Woodland west of the Leisure Centre, which can support about 400 trees. Initial work on the creation of the wood has involved clearing dead weeds and much of the bramble. The main planting is planned for 1 December 2019, with trees provided by the Woodland Trust and Alba Trees. All are welcome to take part in this community planting of what could be a feature of the town for a very long time.

Join the community planting event at Triangle Wood on

Sunday 1st December 2019. ALL WELCOME.

Whilst Rosemont Park should have a formal collection of trees, we hope that in time Triangle Wood could become an informal collection, with both areas open and accessible for the enjoyment of all Linlithgow residents.

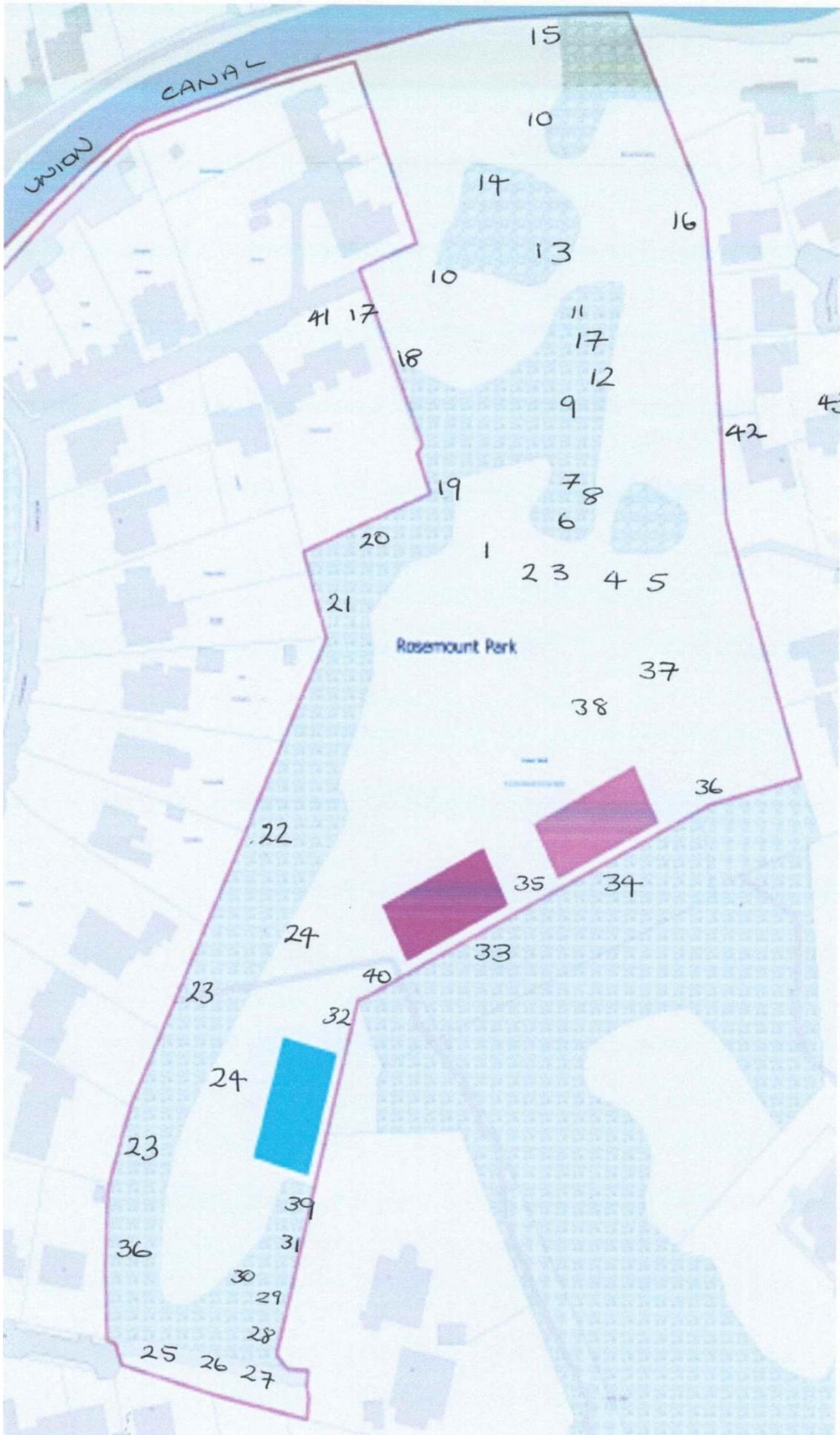
Sponsorships

In due course, Burgh Beautiful will invite tree sponsorships and adoptions. You are invited to contact us if you are interested. bbi@lbt.scot

Noted that in various places, West Lothian Council and Buglife are developing areas of wildflower meadows with a special seed mix selected for being nectar-rich.

**CLIMATE CHANGE MATTERS, WITH TREES AND WILD FLOWERS BEING
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ROSEMOUNT PARK TREES



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Provisional Tree List(subject to change) May 2019

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| 1. Beech | 21. Yew |
| 2. Sessile Oak | 22. European Larch |
| 3. Small-Leafed Lime | 23. Douglas Fir |
| 4. Sycamore | 24. Ornamental Cherries |
| 5. Horse Chestnut | 25. Paper-Bark Birch |
| 6. Silver Birch | 26. Himalayan Hazel |
| 7. Corsican Pine | 27. Norway Maple |
| 8. Common Whitebeam | 28. Weeping Willow-Leafed Pear |
| 9. Scots (European) Pine | 29. Sessile Oak hybrid |
| 10. Ash | 30. Red Oak |
| 11. Cappadocian Maple | 31. Lombardy Poplar |
| 12. Hazel | 32. Common Alder |
| 13. Western Red Cedar | 33. Wych Elm |
| 14. Hiba | 34. Western Hemlock |
| 15. Hawthorn | 35. Cut-Leafed Elder |
| 16. Crab Apple | 36. Holly |
| 17. Wild Cherry | 37. Red Horse Chestnut |
| 18. Elder | 38. Field Maple |
| 19. Hornbeam | 39. Common (English) Oak |
| 20. Cherry Laurel | 40. Wild Rose |

Nearby Trees

41. Katsura
42. Cedar of Lebanon
43. Chilean Pine / Monkey Puzzle