

Madeley's history in trees

The first recorded mention of Madeley was in 727 when the area was acquired by Lady Milburga, the daughter of a sub-king of Mercia and founder of Wenlock Abbey. The name is believed to mean a clearing or "Lea" near the Mad Brook, which still flows through the parish. By Norman times the area had become a royal hunting forest or "park", hence the names of Park Street, Park Lane, Park Avenue etc. Madeley officially became a town as the result of the granting of a market charter by Henry the Third in 1269.

The landscape of modern Madeley has been greatly shaped by the mining and iron making industries, the roots of which go back to the 13th century. By the 15th & 16th centuries the discovery of rich deposits of iron ore and limestone in the area led to the cutting down of most of the original forest – one charcoal fired blast furnace could consume up to 200 acres of coppiced timber in a year!

The rich variety of trees in the area is the result of a number of factors – some of the more exotic species are survivors from the extensive gardens of the many large houses which once belonged to the ironmasters and mine owners, whilst others are the result of natural recolonisation of old mine waste heaps. The large number of Scots Pines on the waste heaps are the legacy of the depression of the 1920's and 30's – unemployed men were paid a few shillings a day to plant tree seedlings on the pit banks, to stabilise them and provide timber for the mining industry.

Despite the huge changes that took place in Madeley during the development of Telford New Town in the 1960's many old trees survive and many more were planted as part of landscaping schemes.

To find out more about the history of Madeley, visit Madeley Local Studies Group's website: www.localhistory.madeley.org.uk

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The Tree Wardens...

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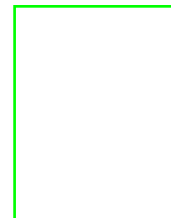
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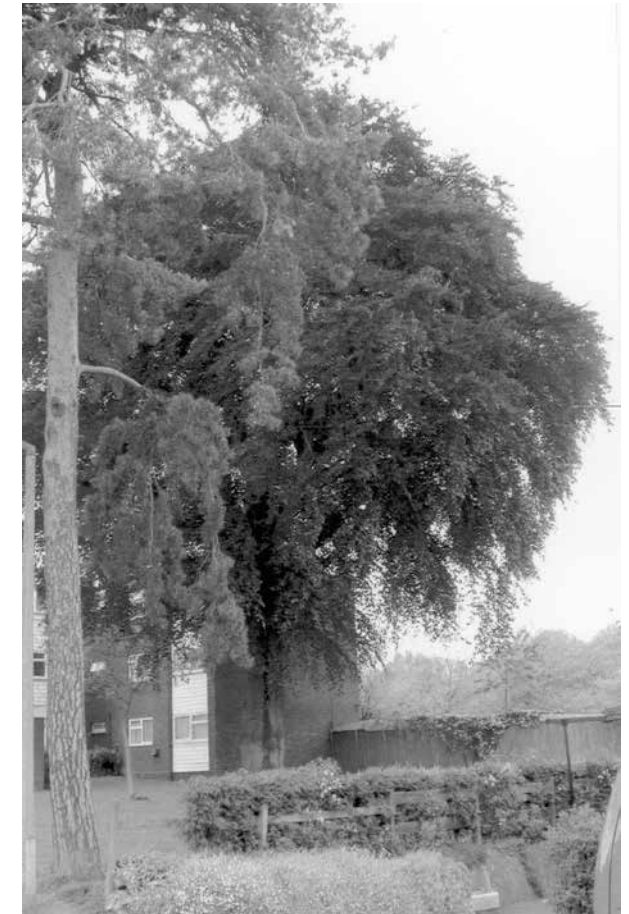
Tree Wardens Rachel and Glenys

The Tree Council launched the Tree Warden Scheme in 1990 and since then a nationwide network of locally-based volunteer tree enthusiasts has been developed. There are now more than 7,500 Tree Wardens in 115 networks covering a large part of the UK. Tree Wardens carry out worthwhile practical tree conservation tasks, co-ordinated by local authorities and backed by appropriate training, literature and advice.

Visit the Tree Council website at:
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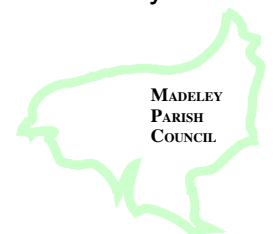


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Discover the fascinating variety of trees in the historic town of Madeley

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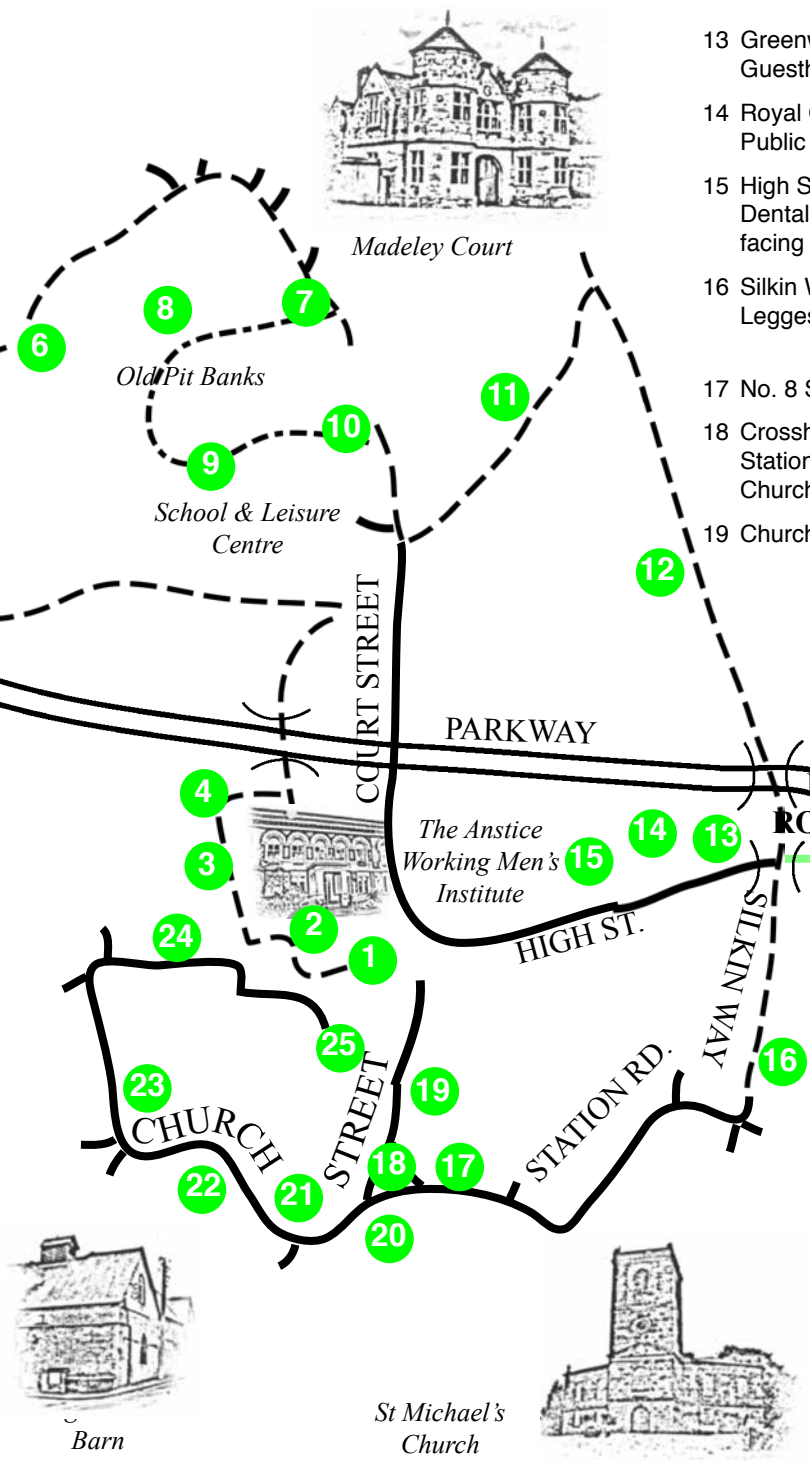


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- 1 Anstice Square Ornamental Cherry (*Prunus*)
- 2 Russell Square Horse Chestnut (*Aesculus hippocastanum*), Common Lime (*Tilia x vulgaris*)
- 3 Green off Russell Road Sycamore (*Acer pseudoplatanus*)
- 4 Victoria Road/ Shelsey Court Copper Beech (*Fagus sylvatica* "Purpuera")
Scots Pine (*Pinus sylvestris*)
- 5 Footpath from Woodside Roundabout to hotel driveway Alder (*Alnus glutinosa*)
Oak (*Quercus robur*)
Hazel (*Corylus avellana*)
- 6 Drive to hotel Wild Cherry (*Prunus avium*)
London Plane (*Platanus hybridus*)

(Allow 2 hours to complete the walk)

- 7 Footpath from front of hotel to Court Street Remnant Hawthorn hedge (*Crataegus monogyna*)
Silver Birch (*Betula pendula*)
- 8 Footpath through Arena Sweet Chestnut (*Castanea sativa*)
- 9 School Pond Willow (*Salix alba*), Beech (*Fagus sylvatica*);
Silver Birch (*Betula pendula*)
- 10 Ski Lodge Scots Pine, Oak (*Quercus robur*)
- 11 Gypsy Lane (behind Coronation Crescent) Small leaved Lime (*Tilia cordata*)
- 12 Silkin Way Blackthorn (*Prunus spinosa*)
Cherry Plum (*Prunus cerasifera*)



- 13 Greenways Guesthouse Cedar of Lebanon (*Cedrus libani*)
- 14 Royal Oak Public House Oak (*Quercus robur*)
- 15 High Street, rear of Dental Surgery, facing Hanover Court Sweet Chestnut (*Castanea sativa*)
- 16 Silkin Way (alongside Legges Way) False Acacia (*Robinia pseudacacia*)
Cherry (*Prunus*)
Wych Elm (*Ulmus glabra*)
- 17 No. 8 Station Road Beech (*Fagus sylvatica*)
- 18 Crosshills (junction of Station Road & Church Street) Weeping Willow (*Salix alba*)
Hawthorn (*Crataegus monogyna*)
- 19 Church Close Horse Chestnut (*Aesculus hippocastanum*)

- Pedestrian area & tarmaced paths
- Tracks may be muddy
- Roads – narrow or no pavement



St Michael's Church

