

Wellingtonia Avenue, Finchampstead

This avenue was planted in 1869 as a memorial to the Duke of Wellington. We have recorded 111 trees in the avenue, 110 of these are from the original planting and one is a mature seedling. There are also a few other unrecorded seedlings growing in the avenue.

The North Western end of the Avenue is on National Trust land which has 24 of the 111 surveyed Wellingtonia trees. All the remaining 87 trees are in gardens or other private land.

In 1984 the Tree Register of the British Isles (TROBI) recorded 3 of the trees as county champions for girth or height. Since that time several other trees have grown to similar heights or girths, so the 1984 TROBI trees, which have been identified, are possibly not the tallest or broadest any longer. A sketch map of the avenue with MRNs and a few notes is below and further details for each tree are in our database:

<http://www.wdvta.org.uk/WDVTS/index.php>

Honey Fungus

One of the trees in the avenue was lost in the early 1990s through honey fungus. There is just one gap in the avenues, between our MRNs (master record number) 6291 and 6292 and we have confirmed that this gap is due to the affected tree. The photograph below shows part of Wellingtonia Avenue with the dying tree. It is an illustration of honey-fungus on page 145 of Diagnosis of ill-health in trees by R.G. Strouts and T.G. Winter published by The Stationery Office in 1994. The photograph is Crown Copyright and is reproduced here under the terms of the Open Government Licence. www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/doc/open-government-licence



Further website references:

<http://www.redwoodworld.co.uk/picturepages/finchampstead.htm>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wellingtonia_Avenue

Sketch map of the avenue

Sketch of Wellingtonia Avenue, Finchampstead.

