

### Holm Oak

Highfield Park Tree Trail: Number 14

Latin/Botanical Name: *Quercus ilex*

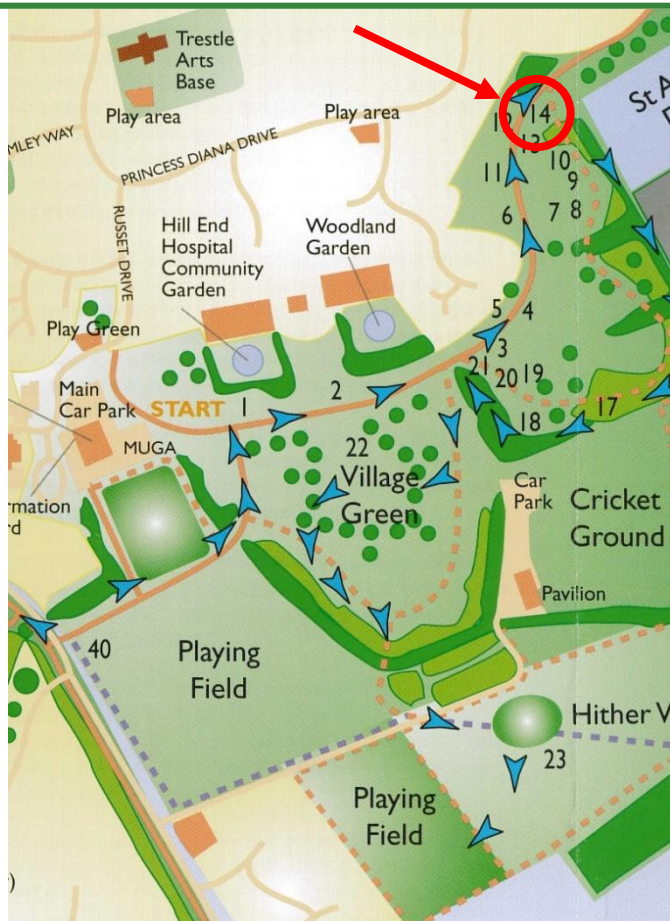
Range: Native to Southern Europe. It has been widely planted in UK, except in the far north and being resistant to salt spray, it grows especially well near to coasts.

Height: up to 30m

Uses: Ornamental (introduced in 1500's) and used for making cartwheels, carriages and agricultural tools. Holm oak acorns are used to feed pigs reared for Serrano ham.

Description: An evergreen oak which is broad and round domed. The bark is brownish-black which cracks in to square plates, the leaves are generally oval and can be spiny on younger trees. It has pendulous golden catkins in April and the acorns are almost half enclosed by the cup.

Interesting fact: It is also known as 'holly oak', and its botanical name refers to its likeness to holly, which is in the Ilex genus.



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