

## Common Lime (Linden)

Highfield Park Tree Trail: Number 6

Latin/Botanical Name: *Tilia x vulgaris* (syn *x europae*)

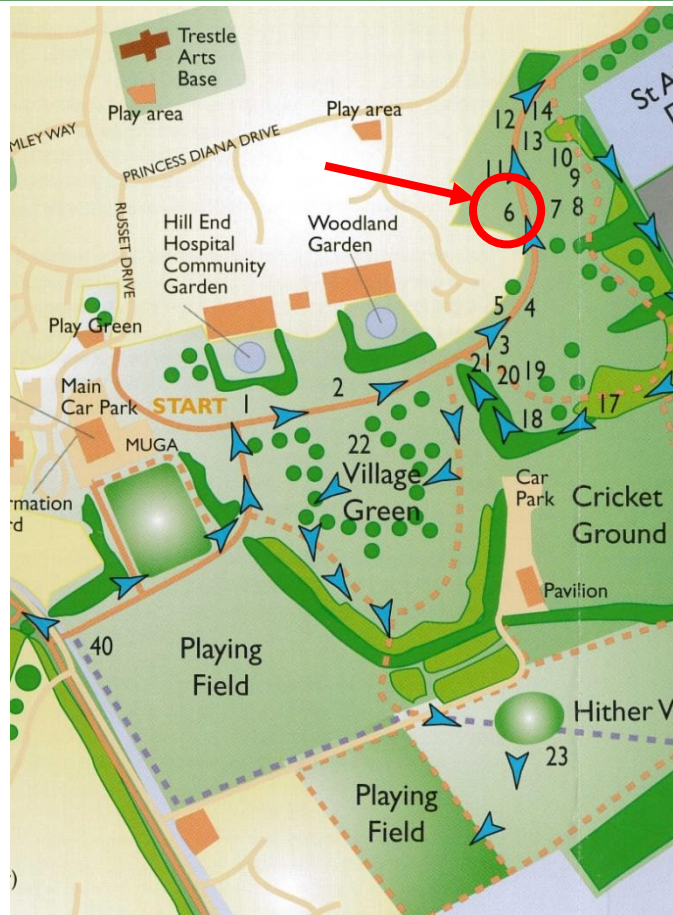
Range: Native and found throughout the UK and Europe.

Height: the tallest broadleaf tree in Britain, up to 46m.

Uses: Most commonly planted as an ornamental tree but it is often used in turnery, carving and furniture making and as the wood does not warp it is still used to make sounding boards and piano keys. Coppiced limes produced wood for fuel, hop-poles and bean-sticks.

Description: It is a hybrid of the large leaved (*Tilia platyphyllos*) and small leaved (*Tilia cordata*) limes. Trunk is often heavily burred sprouting small branches, Leaves are heart shaped, flowers are yellow, found in clusters and very fragrant.

Interesting fact: Apart from providing nectar and pollen for insects, particularly bees, during the war lime blossom was used to make a soothing tea.



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