

Common Holly

Highfield Park Tree Trail: Number 2

Latin Name: *Ilex aquifolium*

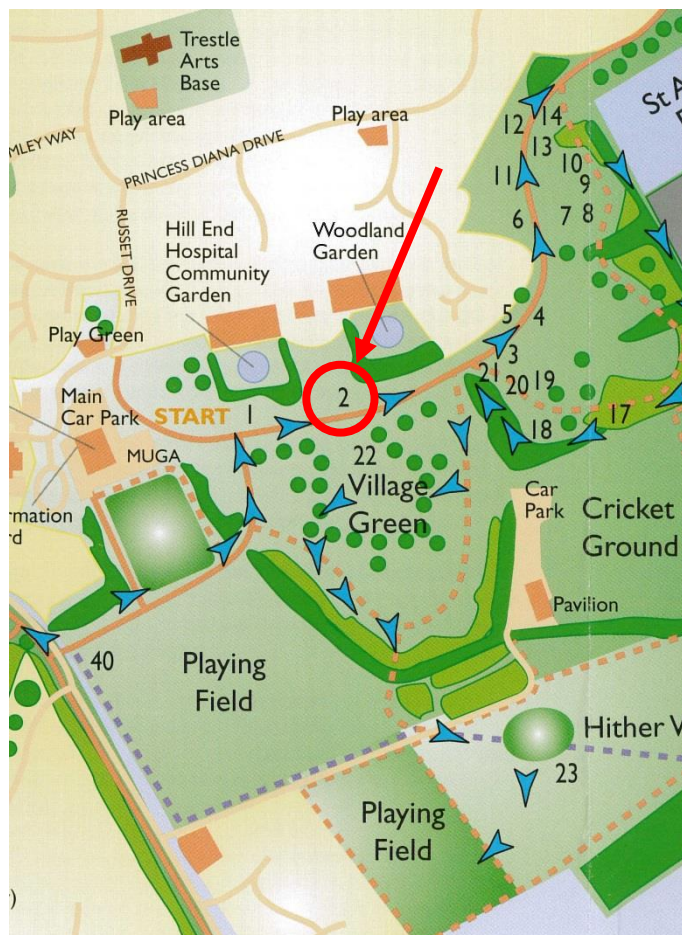
Range: Throughout Europe

Height: to 12m, occasionally higher

Uses: Native to woodlands and much planted as an ornamental

A native evergreen, developing in to a shrub or small tree and here trained in to a hedge. Bark is smooth and silvery-grey. The leaves are very familiar shiny and spiny (though often less spiny high in older trees). There are separate male and female trees, the flowers are greenish-white for both. A mix is required for the scarlet berries, which are drupes (like a plum although not edible), rather than berries.

Why is it our tree of the month? It comes in to its own at this time of the year as the 'berries' develop and other trees lose their leaves.



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