

## Horse Chestnut

Highfield Park Tree Trail: Number 9

Latin Name: *Aesculus hippocastanum*

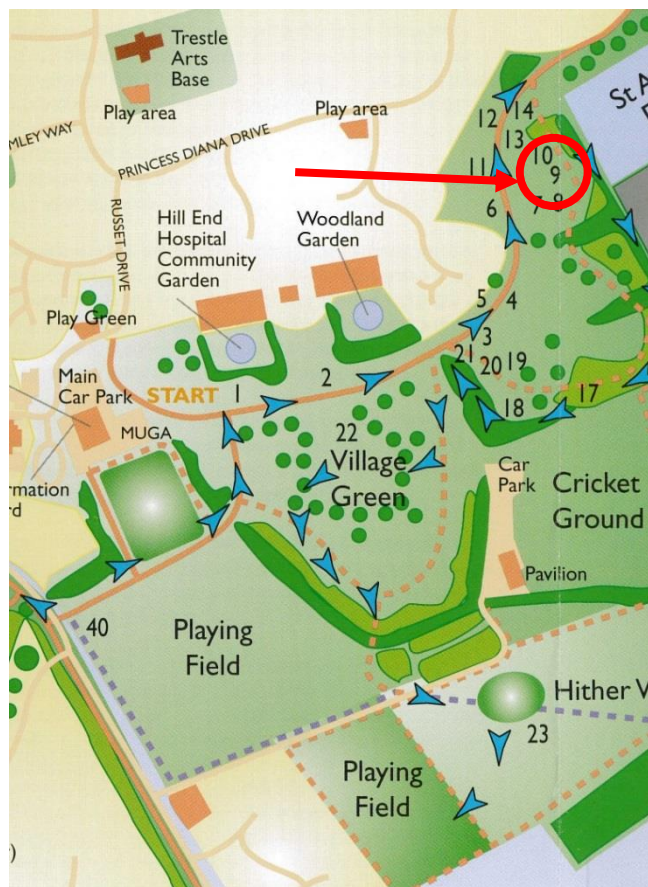
Range: Originating from the Balkans (South-east Europe) it is now widely cultivated across temperate zones.

Height: to 25m

Uses: Ornamental. In the 1600's all the aristocracy wanted them and the original conkers changed hands for vast sums.

A stout, wide spreading domed tree with dense foliage. Buds are very large and sticky and produce large palmate leaves. The flowers are spectacular produced in large erect inflorescences up to 30 cm long, these are white blotched with pink or yellow. Fruit develop in to the familiar conker.

**Why is it our tree of the month?** This is the time to collect the conkers and have a game.



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