

### London Plane

Highfield Park Tree Trail: Number 5

Latin/Botanical Name: *Plantanus x hispanica*

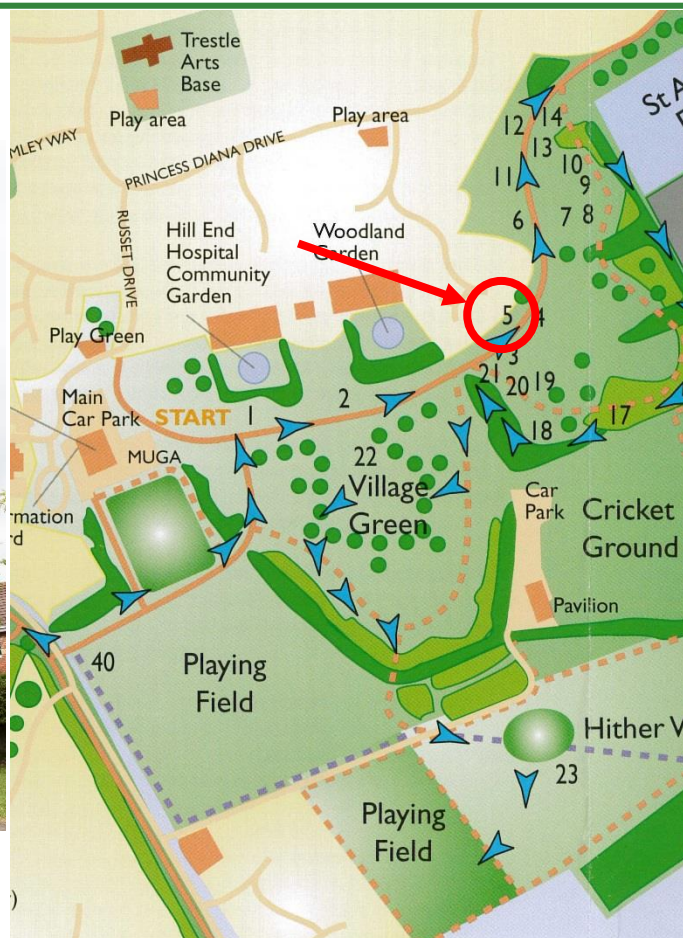
Range: Europe, probably a hybrid of the oriental plane and American plane

Height: up to 45m (this is a fine specimen probably about 100 years old)

Uses: A street tree in large cities, particularly London. The wood used to be popular for making veneers, as it is an attractive golden brown colour with dark brown flecks.

Description: The bark is olive green to grey, with large scaly plates that peel off to reveal a creamy bark beneath. The leaves are sycamore-like leathery and thick, with five triangular lobes; they turn a rich orange-yellow before falling in autumn. The flowers are ball-shaped and the fruits develop into spiky fruits which are dispersed the by wind.

Interesting fact: It is very successful and widely planted as a street tree because it is pollution-tolerant, fast growing and able to withstand poor management.



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