

Scots Pine

There are examples in the park, this one is next to the Village Green.

Latin/Botanical Name: *Pinus sylvestris*

Range: Native over wide areas of Europe including Scotland, prefers acid soils.

Height: 35m.

Uses: The timber is one of the strongest softwoods available, widely used in building and joinery. It is also used for telegraph poles, pit props, gate posts and fencing. The tree can be tapped for resin to make turpentine. Other uses include rope made from the inner bark, tar from the roots and a dye from the cones. Dry cones can also be used as kindling for fires.

Description: A medium sized evergreen tree. Conical at first, but distinctively open, high crowned and flat topped when mature. Bark reddish brown on lower trunk but higher up orange red. Leaves grey-green 5-7cm long, twisted, broad, short-pointed. It is dioecious, the male flowers are yellow and female cones solitary or in groups of 2-3, bright green and conical after a year turning brown and woody after 2 years. Mature cones are 5-8 cm long with a broad base.

Interesting Fact: The needles on young trees grow longer than those on older trees.



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