

SPOTLIGHT ON LYNFORD ABORETUM

1924

Estate of 6000 Acres sold to FC



1945

FC establishes Forestry Training School in the Hall



1946-56

Arboretum planted to the east of the hall



1970

FC sells of the hall and some of the grounds, but retains the arboretum



1970-1990's

Arboretum open to public and cared for by FC



2006

FC asks FOTFP to look into taking over the care of the Arboretum.

After much considering of the implications of taking over the care of such an important site, the committee approved the request.



2007

FOTFP take over daily care. Tools purchased, and much clearance work undertaken. Hamamelis (Witch Hazel) glade cleared & re planted.



2008

Many existing trees identified and re labelled. The lodge arrives to store tools and information material. Moth surveys reveal over 230 different species on site. Planting of shrubs and yew trees. Thanks to ground clearance, grass cutting by machine is possible.

2009

Full tree audit completed and recorded, including gps locations. Wild Flower meadow created. 30 more specimen trees planted. Successful grant application to Awards For All to fund the first set of interpretation boards seen on the site. New benches commissioned and sites prepared. Clearance work continues removing many overgrown and unwanted shrubs and self-sown trees that threaten to push out the specimen varieties.



2010 so far !!

New benches installed. Serbian Spruces planted. Continued clearance of shrubs. Cub Scout Naturalist badge day held followed the week after by American Scouts badge day. Open Day for the Public. FC survey places Lynford as the 3rd most significant Arboretum in the country.