

Tree Identification Walk 5th September 2010

12 people (and a dog) joined the Tree Identification Walk led by Peter Legg which started at the Village Hall at 10am to learn how to identify trees found on Naphill Common.

We started at the edge of the Crick behind the Village Hall where we saw a Copper Beech and 2 oak trees which are not found on the Common. These were a Red Oak and Turkey Oak.

No sooner had moved onto the Common it started to rain, light at first but a little harder later on.



The Tree Identification Group - Photo by Peter Davis

As we came to different trees Peter pointed out the shapes of the leaves, details on the trunk, fruit if present and talked about their differences with other similar species. Peter had with him several strips of wood which clearly showed the grain structure of the timber and he talked about how different timbers can be used in furniture making and other wood working projects.

On our journey across the Common we saw several types of lichen which were all thriving. Lichen is a good air quality monitor. So it can be seen that Naphill has 'good air quality'.

After 3 hours we returned to the Village Hall. Many thanks must go to Peter for his interesting talk and to Philip Hussey for organising the walk.

A list of the trees identified and discussed

Red Oak

Turkey Oak

Copper Beech

Beech

Whitebeam

Ash

Hazelnut

Cherry

Hawthorn

Silver Birch

Downy Birch

Oak

Hornbeam

Yew

Pippy Oak

Lime

Maple

Holly

Wych Elm

Sycamore

Lime

Pussy Willow