



COMMEMORATIVE TREE PLANTING

As part of the legacy of your wedding and continued relationship with Homme we would be delighted to plant a commemorative tree on your behalf, or for you to return to plant one yourself.

Across the garden, parkland and woodland there are a number of options, outlined on the next page (all subject to availability at the time of request). Further details about our approach are below.

PLANTS

We source our trees from **Frank Matthews** or other reputable nurseries with a proven track record and adherence to any necessary biosecurity measures.

PROTECTION

The necessary protection and associated cost for a tree depends on its planting location - full crates for parkland trees (protection against livestock), tree guards for other locations (protection against deer, squirrels, rabbits, hares etc.).

We use local company Say It With Wood for untreated, long lasting sweet chestnut crate materials, and Tubex or Nextgen guards.

LABELS

For garden and parkland specimen trees we would be very happy to include two hand punched commemorative **Alitags** (P7 style) with the planted tree - one tag following the convention of Latin and English species name, and one with your names and wedding date.

We would also furnish you with a What 3 Words address of the location and a photo of the planted specimen (if we plant for you), and are always happy to send updates!

We will also add the tree to our growing **catalogue** of planting over the last 25 years at Homme so that it is properly recorded for posterity.

PLANTING

We would be delighted to plant a tree for you, or for you to return to Homme to plant your chosen tree yourselves.

November - March is the traditional tree planting period of the year; at Homme we do our planting in November and December.

It comes with an inevitable disclaimer - we always do our best to look after trees planted at Homme but there is an unavoidable failure rate (squirrels, deer and extreme weather being the usual culprits). We do our best to select the best trees, and to plant, protect and nurture young trees as well as possible to give them the best possible chance of a long and happy life.

PRICING

The cost depends very much on the choice of tree and chosen location (and therefore the protection required). The following pages provide a rough estimate, which we would confirm before placing an order for the plant(s) and any other necessary materials.

If you would like to plant a tree browse the options overleaf and then get in touch with Charlie on charlie@hommehouse.co.uk - a shortlist of options is always useful just in case the preferred specimen isn't available. We would be delighted to discuss options and next steps!



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PLANTING OPTIONS

The species options in each area represent our planting ambitions (garden) as well as our conservation management plans and the restrictions placed on us by the various designations on the land at Homme (priority habitat, registered historic parkland). Three options are possible:

All species choices are subject to availability at the time of order. In our experience parkland planting tends to have the highest success rate, followed by garden and woodland planting.

GARDEN

Guideline price: £80-100 per planted tree

The presence of huge, mature evergreen specimens like Atlantic Cedar, Lawson's Cypress, Coast Redwood and Giant Redwood on the edge of the garden suggest pinetum style planting was undertaken towards the end of the 19th century and in the first half of the 20th century.

A stand of poplars in the same area - planted after the war when there was a lucrative matchstick timber market - is due to be felled in 2025 and provides the opportunity for us to extend the pinetum planting with other specimen evergreen specimens. Options include:

Abies concolor (White Fir)

Abies procera (Noble Fir)

Calocedrus decurrens (Incense Cedar)

Cedrus deodara (Deodar Cedar)

Chamaecyparis pisifera (Sawara Cypress)

Cryptomeria japonica (Japanese Cedar, Sugi)

Juniperus communis (Common Juniper)

Juniperus scopulorum (Rocky Mountain Juniper)

Picea glauca (White Spruce)

Picea pungens (Blue Spruce)

Pinus contorta (Lodgepole Pine)

Pinus mugo (Mountain Pine)

Pinus sylvestris (Scots Pine)

Pinus wallichiana (Himalayan Pine)

Podocarpus macrophyllus (Yew Plum Pine)

Pseudolarix amabilis (Golden Larch)

Pseudotaxus chienii (White Berry Yew)

Sciadopitys verticillata (Japanese Umbrella Pine)

Taxodium distichum (Bald Cypress)

Taxus cuspidata (Japanese Yew)

Tsuga canadensis (Canadian Hemlock)

Tsuga diversifolia (Japanese Hemlock)

PARKLAND

Guideline price: £100-150 per planted tree

The parkland is a priority habitat for wood pasture, and our planting is focused on *Quercus robur* (English oak), an important species which defines this historic landscape and supports a greater range of biodiversity when mature than any other native species.

WOODLAND

Guideline price: £15-30 per planted tree

Studies have shown that managed woodlands support a greater range of biodiversity than unmanaged woodlands, offering a dynamic mosaic of habitats and diverse species at different ages and stages of development.

Our 60 acres of woodland, naturally dominated by oak and ash, is in a 10 year conservation-focused management plan. The aim is to further open areas of the woodland, encouraging a greater diversity of species and structure, and allowing more light reach the woodland floor. The forestry activity will widen rides, create glades and thin monocultural, closed canopy stands of trees of a similar age class, allowing natural regeneration and enrichment planting to create a richer understorey and habitat for local wildlife.

Our planting after works in each parcel will include the following species:



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Carpinus betulus (Hornbeam)

Corylus avellana (Hazel)

Fagus sylvatica (European Beech)

Ilex aquifolium (Common Holly)

Malus sylvestris (European Crab Apple)

Prunus avium (Sweet Cherry)

Quercus robur (English Oak) - 40-60%

Sorbus aucuparia (Rowan)

Sorbus torminalis (Wild Service Tree)

Taxus baccata (English Yew)

Tilia cordata (Small-Leaved Lime)

Tilia platyphyllos (Large-Leaved Lime)