

The first of three tree walks arranged as part of Ilkley & District u3a 2022 summer programme

On Wednesday 13th July Sue & Neil Stevens led a walk from Ilkley Manor House looking at the wonderful range of trees we have in the centre of Ilkley

Sue and Neil have been instrumental in documenting many trees in Ilkley

You can plan your own route and learn fascinating details for yourselves by following various trails. [Select this link for more information.](#)

The following pictures give just a flavour of a fascinating walk.

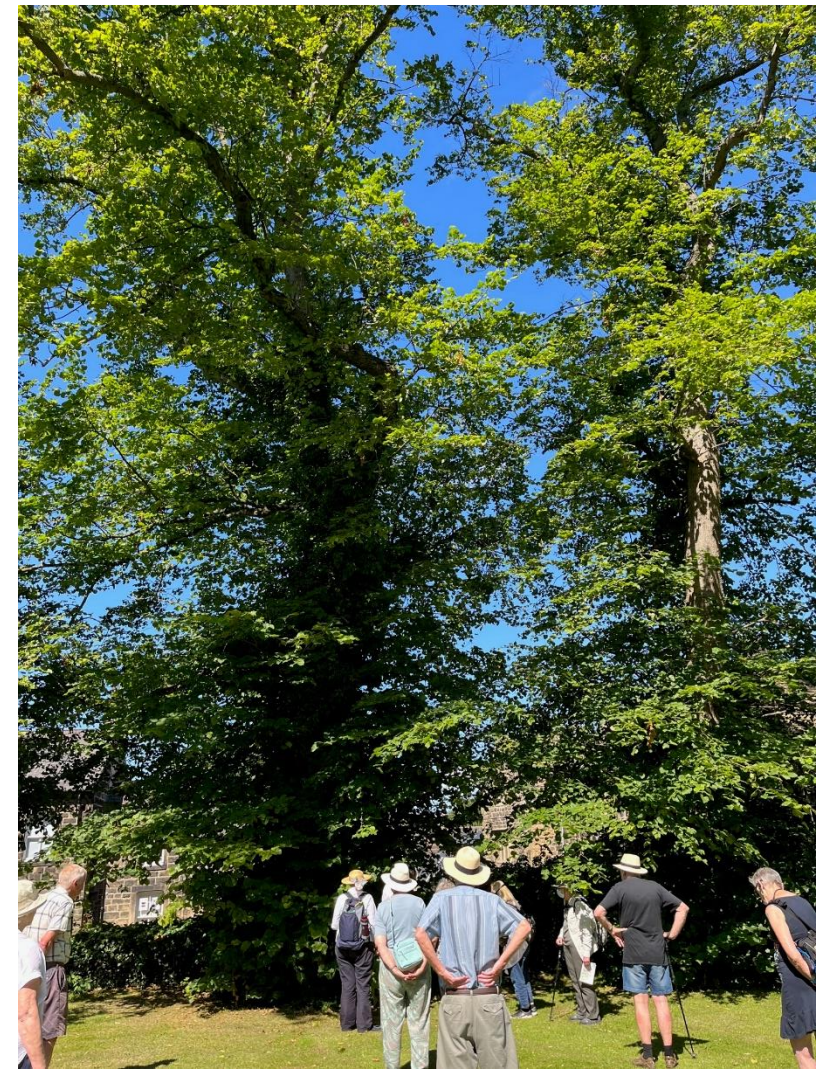


First on the walk was this large Ash tree. Planted over 100 years ago. This tree has early signs of ash die back disease – a few of the ends of the higher branches are bare.

Another Ash tree. Some are female and others male.



The Yew is one of only three native conifers in UK. The others are Juniper and Scots pine.



A pair of magnificent Lime trees. The leaves are heart shaped and lopsided at the base



The Horse Chestnut. Not a native tree but introduced into the UK in late 16th C from Turkey. But how did it get its name? See next picture for a big clue.



**A perfect day for
sheltering under a
Downy Birch.**

**This is the native birch
of the North.**

**In contrast to the
Silver birch.**

**Also used in schools
once upon a time!**

