



## Bringing new life to Bushey Heath



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An old tree removed due to risk it posed to park users has been replaced by a new sapling in Mary Forsdyke Garden and Warren Lake in Bushey Heath.

The new Cedar of Lebanon was planted on a cold day in February (Tuesday 4 February) as a replacement for the Cedar of Lebanon that had to be removed in 2019 after a survey discovered significant structural weakness to the trunk.

Contractors, Glendale, planted the tree in the exact spot where the existed tree grew.

Mark Pigden, Arboricultural Officer at Hertsmere Borough Council, said: "Unfortunately we had to remove the existing Cedar of Lebanon as a survey conducted discovered severe structural defects within the tree, which meant it posed a significant health and safety risk to park users and the surrounding properties.

"However, it is important to replant trees and maintain their amenity value to our parks, as well as the habitat and biodiversity value they bring to our open spaces. In time, this new Cedar of Lebanon will grow and restore that value to Mary Forsdyke Garden and Warren Lake.

"Visitors to the park were excited to see a replacement tree being planted."

This is part of a wider scheme across Hertsmere to plant of variety of new trees to replace dead, diseased or dying trees that have unfortunately been removed due to the safety risk to people and buildings. Between Glendale, Countryside Management Service (CMS) and volunteer schemes we have planted 850 trees.

In addition, 150 trees have been planted in Aberford Park, 100 trees and shrubs in King George Recreation Ground in Bushey as part of a scheme to create shade, reduce surface flooding and improve biodiversity, 500 trees in Furzeffield Woods in Potters Bar to restock the woodland, as well as 71 trees across our parks and open spaces.

"Unfortunately, we do have to remove trees due to a variety of reasons, but we aim to replenish and add to our tree stock to ensure habitats for wildlife, improve our green spaces as well as part of our climate change programme to achieve net-zero carbon emissions no later than 2050," added Mark.

Find out more about tree planting across the borough on our website: [www.hertsmere.gov.uk/treesinparks](http://www.hertsmere.gov.uk/treesinparks)

Watch a short video on the planting on the new Cedar of Lebanon tree on our YouTube channel: [https://youtu.be/xEhA\\_9WVrLs](https://youtu.be/xEhA_9WVrLs)

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