

## Discovering the Island's Historic Trees

The Histree Trail Project, funded by the Heritage Lottery, aims to celebrate the Islands' fantastic heritage of trees and how they relate to landscape history. So far, more than 100 trees of significant age with historical and local heritage links have been identified and recorded.



When the project began last November we didn't know how easy it would be to find these trees, but we've had a great response from the public and support from local organisations and we are making new and exciting discoveries all the time. These trees are as important to our heritage as our castles and monuments, but they are often little known. The information we are collecting will be used to produce a series of new walking/cycling trails accompanied by free self-guided leaflets.

The Histree Trail Project website is now online at [www.histreetrail.com](http://www.histreetrail.com). It features an interactive Island map pinpointing the most magnificent trees recorded so far. There is a photo gallery where you can submit your own tree photos and illustrations, as well as news, events, and educational materials. In time, it will feature the trails in a downloadable format.

If you would like to contribute to the project please contact me at the Parks and Countryside section, Isle of Wight Council on (01983) 823893, email [histreetrail@iow.gov.uk](mailto:histreetrail@iow.gov.uk) or visit the website [www.histreetrail.com](http://www.histreetrail.com).

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