



The Ancient Tree Forum and
The Woodland Trust - working together
to conserve the UK's ancient trees.

The Sharpham Trust, Ashprington, Totnes, Devon TQ9 7UT UK

Devon group's festive field trip to Sharpham Estate



9.30am meet on 11th December 2010

Situated on a hill overlooking the wooded slopes of the gently winding river Dart and extensive farmlands, the estate has a long history of landscape management and comprises woodland, parkland, gardens and includes several notable ancient trees. The estate totals 550 acres of sustainably farmed land following a three mile stretch of the River Dart. Sharpham House dates back to 1770 and is set in a Capability Brown landscape that is the base for a diversity of projects of practical endeavours with spiritual enquiry.

The estate has been researching its biodiversity and is working to link its fragmented landscape including its native woodlands. The planting of nearly 3000 trees in March and November of 2008 is an example of how the estate is trying to link three isolated native woodlands and help to restore a vital native woodland corridor with larger woodland fragments along the majestic River Dart.



The morning will be spent exploring the landscape and looking at the many notable trees and hearing about some of the recent work being undertaken to join up the landscape at Sharpham. Following the visit the group are invited for a festive drink at the Watermans Arms in Ashprington (conveniently near by).

For more information about the history of Sharpham please follow the following link: <http://www.sharphamtrust.org/page.php?id=257>

Getting to Sharpham:

By Car

Sharpham Estate is three miles outside Totnes on the edge of Ashprington village. From the A38/Devon Expressway take the Totnes/Buckfastleigh exit. On arriving in Totnes, at the first traffic lights, turn right onto the A381 towards Kingsbridge. Half a mile outside Totnes turn left to Ashprington (about two miles). On reaching the village turn left up the hill and onto the Sharpham Estate. Follow signs to the front of Sharpham House. Please note and observe the 20mph speed limit through Ashprington village and on the estate.

Important information:

The following link should get people to the house - once they arrive at point b there are three possible roads, not two as marked on the map. Please let note that you should turn right, up the hill to the back of the house and park somewhere near the archway.

http://maps.google.co.uk/maps?f=d&source=s_d&saddr=A381&daddr=Unknown+road&hl=en&geocode=FeZvAQMdNK_H_w%3BFfstAQMdRjvl_w&mra=dme&mr-cr=0&mrsp=1&sz=16&sl=50.409475,-3.649027&sspn=0.005908,0.021136&ie=UTF8&ll=50.412948,-3.672352&spn=0.023628,0.084543&z=14

Getting to the Watermans arms (after the walk):

<http://www.thewatermansarms.net/>

Leaving Ashprington head towards Totnes and there is a brown sign for The Waterman's Arms. Stay on the lane for about 2 and a half miles and you come to a crossroads follow the signs to Ashprington when you get to the memorial, which is a stone cross, turn right and keep on through village, always heading downhill. Keep going downhill and we are over the bridge at the bottom