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YATTON TREE TRAIL

This walk has been produced by YACWAG to promote our amazing trees and encourage us to care for them. You can follow the trail using this leaflet alone, following the red dotted line, but if you have access to a copy of the book *TREASURED TREES of Yatton and Congresbury* you will find more information on the pages noted in brackets throughout this text.

The walk is wheelchair-friendly, except for the crossing of Rock Road Playing Field. An alternative route is suggested in the text. Much of this walk goes along the High Street, which can be busy and noisy at certain times.

Start and finish your walk at St Mary's parish church.

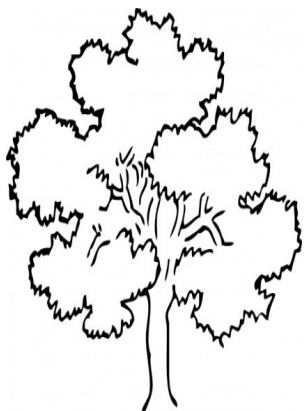
In the tarmac of the church car park, near the wall and the old parish pump, you will see a large **Common Lime** (p.9). Enter the churchyard up the ramp, passing a **Yew** tree (p.14) on your left. Continue past the church porch and another **Yew** on your right, and turn right off the path past the west front of the church to find the **Millennium Yew** near the Chapter House. Retrace your steps and now turn right by the porch and follow the path between two **Oak** trees (p.22,23), through the row of **Purple-leaved Plums** (p.21). Pass into the parish burial ground and bear left at the **Silver Birch** (p.26) noting the **Norway Maple** (inside back cover).

Carry on through the gate, turning abruptly left into Church Close along a footpath between modern terraced houses, * then cross the road to continue straight ahead 50 metres along Rectory Way to enter Rock Road Playing Field through a pedestrian gate. Three new **Silver Birch** trees (p.26) were planted near the play area to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Cross the field to emerge at the middle of the hedge near a **Cork Oak** (p.43).

Turn right and walk along the hedge, which formed part of the ancient boundary between Yatton and Congresbury. At the junction of Mendip Road with Rectory Way cross to a public footpath near some garages, and a large Golden **Ash** (p.25) planted in the 1970s by 'Clem' (p.7).

** (To avoid the playing field, with a wheelchair etc. turn right before crossing the road and continue along Rectory Way until it meets with Mendip Road - the footpath is on your right near the garages).*

Follow the public footpath to pass an ancient boundary stone and **Small-leaved Lime** (p.8) in the hedge and emerge on Binhay Road near Boundary Cottage. Turn right and right again into Chescombe Road and continue down to the High Street.



Turn left by Lloyds Bank, passing the three columnar **Fastigate Oaks** near the Post Office. You can look left up Derham Park, or make a short detour, to see the **Fastigate Hornbeam** (p.32).

Continuing along the High Street there is a large **Holm Oak** (p.43) just before Myrtle Gardens on your right and a tall **Scots Pine** (p.31) in the garden of Yatton Hall. Continue past the Masonic Lodge on the left with its huge **Copper Beech** (p.16) and in another 200 metres look left along the Ridge to see the avenue of **pollarded Limes** (p.9).



Continue along the High Street for another 100 metres and opposite Grassmere Road you can see a large, formerly pollarded **Sycamore** (p.24) in the garden of Barberry Farmhouse. Continue past Linden House - named for what we now more commonly call its **Lime** trees (p.9) - and see the **Walnut** tree (p.44) hanging over the wall on the left, and one opposite in Barberry Farm Road which was planted in the 1980s.

Passing Laurel Gardens in 100 metres, turn left before the railway bridge into Station Approach and pass the station garden with its **Irish Yews** (p.15). You can find refreshments in the Strawberry Line Cafe on the station platform.

Continue about halfway through the station car park, then turn left onto a path alongside the chainlink fence. At the end of the path, go forward into Mendip Road and in 200 metres you will see the **London Plane** (p.19) at Shiner's Elms. Another 100 metres and there is a striking **Locust tree** (p.30) on the corner of Lodge Close, with another smaller one near the factory gate. Continuing along Mendip Road, you will pass the row of **Fastigate Hornbeams** (p.32) and opposite them is a large **Hybrid Black Poplar** (p.34). In 100 metres turn left into Elm Close and towards the other end of the road in the garden of Whitewalls is the unique **Tulip Tree** (p.20).

Turn left into Chescombe Road and immediately right into Church Road. In 100 metres enter Glebelands Park by the wrought iron arch and pass the **Medlar** tree (p.18) and the **Domestic Apple** tree (p.12) on your right. Go through another arch and turn right and right again into the Causeway to return to the church car park, passing the very large **Scots Pine** (p.31) in the grounds of the Old Rectory.