

Gloucestershire Royal Hospital Gardens

The hospital site is large and varied, and has a range of garden spaces for patients, visitors and staff.

Staff and visitors are encouraged to use the gardens for a stroll, to sit quietly, or for breaks.

The planting is carefully chosen by our experienced grounds team, providing year-round interest, and a good source of food and habitat for wildlife.

On most of the site, lawns are cut short on a regular basis to keep a tidy appearance. There are also some areas where the grass cutting is deliberately limited, to encourage a wider range of grassland plants.



Trees are the most important element in any landscape. On the hospital site the trees can be divided into two categories: there are blocks of trees planted in groups to provide screening; and **specimen** trees.

Some are significant trees either because of the size species, or botanical interest.

- 1. Tulip tree (Liriodendron tulipifera)
 Eastern North America
- **2. Dawn Redwood** (*Metasequoia glyptostroboides*) South West China
- 3. Scots Pine (Pinus sylvestris) Europe, widespread
- **4. Elm** (*Ulmus carpinifolia*)
 South East England & Europe
- 5. Holm Oak (Quercus ilex) Mediterranean
- **6. Sweet Gum** (*Liquidambar styraciflua*) South East USA
- 7. Medlar (Mespilus germanicus)
 South East Europe to Iran
- **8. Indian Bean** (*Catalpa bignonioides*) South East USA

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