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Marbury “tree museum” restored to former glory

Part of Northwich’s rich history has been restored by local community group the Friends of Anderton and Marbury (FoAM).

Marbury Arboretum – a “tree museum” that showcases a range of different species of trees – has been given a green facelift to help engage visitors to Marbury Woodlands with the arboretum, which was originally planted in the mid-1800s.

Clearance works have been undertaken to highlight the best specimens, and wooden interpretation plaques have been installed to help visitors identify the special trees.

Two new species of trees – Western Hemlock and Lodgepole Pine – have been added to the collection. A new entrance path has also been installed to improve access to the arboretum.

The work has been carried out by FoAM volunteers, with the help and expertise of Cheshire West and Chester Rangers. It has been supported by local chemicals manufacturer INEOS Enterprises through the Landfill Communities Fund, as part of The Mersey Forest.

The area was reopened by FoAM Chair Mary Jeeves and Janet Ward from INEOS Enterprises.

Mary said: “We are delighted that we have been able to restore this vital piece of Marbury’s history and hope that the revitalised area will serve as an educational resource and local attraction for years to come.”

Janet Ward, INEOS Enterprises said: “It’s great to see this historical arboretum restored to its former glory with the help of local community volunteers.”

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