



Pightle Tree Policy - Guidelines

1. Eligibility and Purchase

Memorial trees may be purchased:

- Directly by donors from a garden centre or nursery
- Via the Pightle Tree Admin

Donors may also supply trees they already have e.g. that are too large for their pot.

All species and locations must be agreed in advance to ensure suitability for the site.

2. Planting

Donors may plant the tree themselves; the Pightle can plant the tree, or the task can be shared. In any case the Pightle volunteers will stake, strap, and mulch the tree at no cost.

3. Care and Maintenance

Donors are responsible for caring for their tree until it is established, typically for the first two years.

In particular, donors need to water the tree during dry periods.

A slow-drip waterbag can be provided at cost, but the donor will need to keep this topped up.

4. Plaques

A commemorative plaque may be installed at the base of the tree. Plaques should:

- Be of a reasonable size, preferably no larger than a postcard (15cm x 10cm)
- Contain wording that is respectful and appropriate.
- Ideally be fixed to one of the tree stakes, to prevent unwanted removal.

5. Memorabilia

The tree itself should be regarded as the memorial. The Pightle is a “managed wilderness” and supports a large variety of flora and wildlife, nothing must be added that impacts on this. Specifically, it is not a “memorial garden”, churchyard or cemetery.

- Trees themselves should not be decorated.
- Flowers, cards etc. are not encouraged. If they are left to celebrate a significant date, then they must be removed straight afterwards.
- A few spring bulbs may be planted close to the base of the tree. No other plants should be planted.
- At Christmas, a few seasonal decorations may be added for a week before and after Christmas Day: no glass, tinsel, or lights. They must be removed promptly.
- The Pightle Trustees reserve the right to remove any items they deem inappropriate.

6. Approval Process

All requests for memorial trees must be submitted to The Pightle Tree Admin for approval.

Approval will consider:

- Tree species.
- Tree location.
- Compliance with this policy.

7. Review

- This set of Guidelines will be reviewed annually to ensure it continues to meet the needs of donors and the conservation objectives of The Pightle Millennium Green.

Contact Details For applications or enquiries, please contact:

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