

### 50 Favourite Trees – Stage 1

The culmination of 18 months hard work came to fruition on Saturday 3 November with the opening at the Waltham Abbey Museum of the 50 Favourite Trees Exhibition. The exhibition will run until Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2008. In May 2007, 50 “favourite” trees were chosen by a panel of judges with at least one tree chosen in each parished area. A poster has been created of each tree which is being given to the nominator, landowner and Parish or Town Council. See [www.favouritetrees.com](http://www.favouritetrees.com) for full details.

### Veteran Tree Hunt – Stage 2.

Over the summer a number of veteran tree hunt days have been undertaken aiming to show people how to recognise and record veteran trees and record veteran trees. This has worked well and the search is in full swing. Currently the database holds over 800 trees.

In October 2007, the Favourite Trees project has just received a massive boost with a new £40k grant awarded by the Greenarc. The funding will go towards the systematic and complete surveying of six parishes in the District between now and March 31st 2008. The parishes chosen are Roydon, Epping Upland, Theydon Bois, Lambourne, Chigwell and Stapleford Abbots

Each parish will be carefully surveyed with all its veteran trees photographed and recorded on this website. The data will also go nationally to our partners the Woodland Trust via the Ancient Tree Hunt. As well as funding survey work, the grant will also enable us to run an educational outreach project with local schools focusing on art, photography and ancient tree recording.

Lastly the grant will also allow us to produce a book of the favourite trees project and the veteran tree hunt.