

YMDDIRIEDOLAETH CLOUGH WILLIAMS- ELLIS FOUNDATION

HORSE CHESTNUT AVENUE AT PLAS BRONDANW GARDENS.

Very sadly the Horse Chestnut Avenue leading from Plas Brondanw to the Flaming Urn is being felled due to major Health and Safety concerns.

Horse Chestnuts are being affected by two diseases, most significantly Bleeding Canker and Leaf Mining moth, which is why you often see the trees in autumn colour early. Although the Leaf Mining Moth is not fatal to the trees Bleeding Canker can be and it often causes trees to lose large limbs. You may have noticed in recent years such branches have come down in the avenue as well as the loss of a number of the mature trees. We have been advised by an Arboriculturalist that a further number of the trees must be felled as they are at a high risk of falling.

Following consultation with CADW and the Tree Officer at the Snowdonia National Park the Ymddiriedolaeth Clough Williams-Ellis Foundation were advised that the felling of the whole avenue and re-planting with a more disease resilient species would be the most appropriate course of action. This is a decision which has not been taken lightly however the preservation of the avenue, as designed by Clough Williams-Ellis and forming an important part of a Grade I Listed Garden, as well as the health and safety of the general public, visitors and staff working at Plas Brondanw must be prioritised.

As such the Horse Chestnut Avenue will be felled in January 2020 and immediately re-planted with standard Small Leaf Lime Trees.

Elsewhere on the Estate further tree planting is being planned to replace lost trees and if anyone has concerns or is interested in such proposals please speak to Richard Jones-Perrott or Frances Steer, as managing agents of the Estate, 01743 241181.