

The most magical and inspiring tree garden in the world visual brand guide





Westonbirt, The National Arboretum is an internationally important collection of rare and unusual trees and shrubs, many of which are the best examples in the British Isles. Thanks to the foresight of its founders, the Holford family, their legacy continues to inspire and amaze throughout the seasons. Today, the arboretum is cared for by the Forestry Commission, with the support of the Friends of Westonbirt Arboretum.

Our mission

Connecting people with trees

Situated in a quiet corner of the Cotswolds, Westonbirt, The National Arboretum offers 600 acres of Grade I Registered Park and Gardens. Visitors are welcome 364 days a year to enjoy the arboretum and to explore, relax and learn within its grounds. Westonbirt's tree collection is one of the best in the UK, if not the world, including 80 champion trees (the biggest examples of their kind) and five national collections. With over 400,000 visitors per year and some 15,000 trees and shrubs, our behind the scenes teams work passionately to maintain the arboretum as a remarkable place for people to enjoy and learn about trees.

The background

A heritage treasure

The beauty and style of the arboretum's landscape was the vision of Victorian landowner Robert Holford. Over 150 years later, Westonbirt's team continues his work managing the trees to show shape, colour and form across the landscape. They refer to Holford's own handwritten notebooks to ensure that the constantly evolving collection remains true to his original concept and today the arboretum offers the most complete surviving example of a Victorian 'picturesque landscape'.

Our work

Conserving for the future

Westonbirt's tree collection includes many rare and unusual species. Our tree and propagation team work with partners across the world, including the Royal Botanical Gardens at Kew and the Millennium Seed Bank to ensure that endangered species are preserved and propagated at the arboretum. Members of the Westonbirt team have travelled the world collecting seeds from plants at risk from climate change and the impact of human activities.



This visual brand guide is designed to be applied to all on-site materials across arboretum publicity and information on and off-line. All visual brand components have a link to the arboretum and are designed to be used together to bring a harmony across all designed material.

Our design and visual branding principles

All designed materials should convey that the Westonbirt brand is synonymous with a high quality, memorable and distinctive experience.

The visual branding draws together the very different landscape and built environments of the arboretum through a consistent use of brand elements, colour and typefaces. All of these have a rationale for use that relates to the collection, its history and the current work of the arboretum.

All designed materials should reflect and reinforce the aesthetic design principles of Westonbirt's picturesque landscape: variety, intricacy and connection. Together these create unique contrasts of shape, colour, light and shade, linked together as a harmonious whole which keeps the observer guessing.

The visual brand creates a modern and fresh feel that fits with the innovative landscape design begun by the Holford family and the ongoing contemporary work and development of a world class arboretum.

All design is fully accessible in line with current best practice guidance.



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The logo, graphic elements, typography, colour, design layout, examples

The logo

The logo for the arboretum is made up of two parts. The maple leaf marque, and the combination of the maple leaf and the wording 'Westonbirt, The National Arboretum'.

The maple leaf is the symbol of Westonbirt. This references the magnifcent display of of the Japanese maple trees in the collection each autumn. Whilst the logo has changed, the leaf has remained the constant component. The connection of the leaf stem to the 't' of 'Westonbirt' is a visual link to the mission statement of the arboretum to 'connect people with trees'.



Maple leaf



Full logo



Use the maple leaf marque for all on-site material within the visitor attraction itself

(ie. beyond the Welcome Building). This includes:

- Permanent and temporary signage
- Printed guides and display material.

Within the Welcome Building itself, the maple leaf should be used beyond the visitor admission point.

See design layout & examples for more information on use.

Use the full logo for all off-site material. This includes:

- Off-site promotion material
- Signage around the entrance and car park area (ie. before the welcome building).

See design layout & examples for more information on use.

Logo placement and clear area proportions A square box equivalent to the 'x' height of the lowercase letters in the logo should form the basis of aligning the logo and the leaf marque on the left hand edge. The same measurement can be used for the clear space on the right and bottom edges. The maple leaf and full logo should always be aligned top right of any media. If this is not possible ie: if the full logo is being used by a partner, then the same proportions should be used for minimum clear space around the logo.

Minimum full logo size

25mm

Westonbirt
The National
Arboretum

Minimum maple leaf size

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'x' height square

Full logo alignment and clear space

Maple leaf alignment and clear space







Use of the Forestry Commission logo

Forestry Commission England own and manage the arboretum.

To reflect this, the FC logo (and/or supporting statement) should always be used.

Use one of the three versions below.

Typically, the white logo is reversed out of a dark colour or image. Always ensure the logo and text remains legible.

A full colour logo is also available.

See design layout & examples for more information on use.

FC logo, statement and web address

Use for:

- Marketing posters
- The back of marketing and information leaflets.
- Interpretation display materials and panels.



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FC logo and statement

Use for:

- Front of marketing materials (eg. leaflets)
- Wayfinding, signage and adverts.



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FC logo

Use where space or reading distance is limited:

- Large format adverts (eg. bus adverts, roadside banners)
- Small press adverts



Colour & mono versions



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Use:

Where white or a very pale background colour is used.

Colour logo specification:

Pantone 369 Pantone 349

Minimum logo size

35mm



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The Friends of Westonbirt Arboretum logo

Much of our work is funded and supported by The Friends of Westonbirt Arboretum, a charity with over 25,000 members.

When particular projects have been supported by The Friends, the logo should be used with the 'supported by' text.

The logo must always include the registered charity number.

See 'using partner logos', design layout & examples for more information on use.

Logo with 'supported by' text and web address

Example uses:

- Marketing posters
- The back of marketing and information leaflets.
- Interpretation display materials and panels.

White

Supported by:

the friends
of Westonbirt
Arboretum
Registered Charity 293190

fowa.org.uk

Logo with 'supported by' text

Example uses:

- Marketing posters
- The back of marketing and information leaflets.
- Interpretation display materials and panels.

Supported by:

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of Westonbirt
Arboretum
Registered Charity 293190

Logo

Use where space or reading distance is limited:

- Large format adverts

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Colour & mono versions

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Use:

Where white or a very pale background colour is used.

Colour logo specification:

Pantone 185

Minimum logo size

25mm

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Using partner logos

Projects sometimes require the recognition of partner or third-party organisations.

These should be displayed alongside the logos of Forestry Commission England (and Friends of Westonbirt, if applicable).

These logos are usually placed at the bottom of designs, to act as a sign-off.

See design layout & examples for more information on use.



Interpretation panel









Basic logo placement examples

These examples show how the arboretum full logo, the maple leaf marque, Friends of Westonbirt and Forestry Commission logos can be used across different forms and sizes of media. These are indicative and the principles should be followed for other formats.

Template grids with the logo inserted have been set up within Adobe Indesign in the most used formats.

See design layout & examples for more information on use.

Full logo use examples

Promotional

poster

Westonbirt The National Arboretum Promotional leaflet Forestry Commission England Wassenstry Library Library Lorentz Carefir by the Forestry Commission





Maple leaf marque examples













The logo, graphic elements, typography, colour, design layout, examples

Historical graphic elements #1. Monograms

To add visual integrity to the Westonbirt visual brand, two graphic elements have been developed for use on interpretation and wayfinding material.

These elements take inspiration from the Holford family, who founded the arboretum in the nineteenth century

The background

Around the arboretum are examples of monograms - a popular visual device to show a combination of initials.
These are set in a roundel.



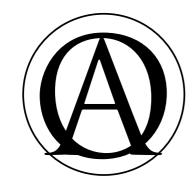
Example of 'Robert Stayner Holford' monogram on Westonbirt House gate lodges.



Example of George Lindsay Holford monogram on gate leading to Forestry Commission office.

Application

Developing monograms for key areas of the arboretum, a subtle way of identifying these areas as important for the first time visitor. These monograms can be used on maps and signage to denote these areas.







Old Arboretum Silk Wood 2050 Glade

Historical graphic elements #2. Ride angles

The background

Within the arboretum are 'rides', these are linear open spaces between the trees.

Robert Holford set Holford Ride and Morley Ride to radiate outwards from Westonbirt House creating interesting vistas for his guests as they travelled through the tree collection. Today, both these rides continue to point to the origins of the arboretum.

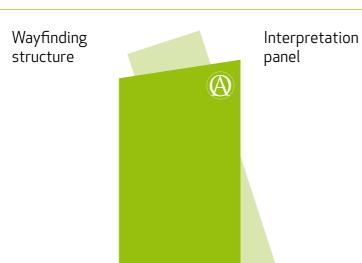
The shape between both rides forms a triangular shape that when turned can form the angle for the tops of interpretation and wayfinding panels.





Application

Using angled tops for signage and interpretation panels where appropriate creates a contemporary and dynamic feel, in line with the design principles. This can be carried across into design elements on printed and online media.





Off and on-site publications





Logo holding device

When using the maple leaf marque and full logo on marketing, promotional and information material with imagery behind, a holding device should be used. This is a box tilted at five degrees on the bottom left axis.

This box references the angles used for wayfinding an interpretation panels within the arboretum.

This box can be given a transparency value (if appropriate) to allow a suggestion of the image to be visible behind.

The size of the logo should be relative to the size of the media used but should follow the principles shown below.

The box can be enlarged across the width of printed on-site media (such as trail guides, banners) as a holding device for guide title text.

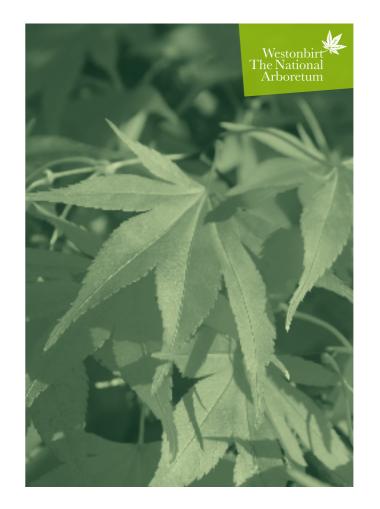
See branded examples for more information on use.

Box placement with full logo

 $Placement\ and\ proportion: off\ and\ on\text{-site}\ media$













The logo, graphic elements, typography, colour, design layout, examples

Primary typefaces

The primary typefaces chosen for the arboretum visual brand are reflective of the place and the heritage. The combination of traditional and contemporary fonts will communicate with the diverse audiences who visit the arboretum

By combining these fonts in a considered way, striking layouts can be achieved that communicate the ethos and personality of the arboretum.

See design layout & examples for more information on use.



Text is usually left-aligned.

Baskerville Regular & *italic*

A serif font, contemporary with the Picturesque movement of the late 18th century.

Best for:

- Standfirsts (introductions)
- Sub-headings & pull quotes

Use sparingly:

• Headings & body copy

Only use Baskerville regular (italic only for emphasis and latin plant names). Use close leading.

Baskerville Regular abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 1234567890

Baskerville Regular Italic abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 1234567890

Welcome to the Old Arboretum, discover a Victorian landscape masterpiece

Welcome to the Old Arboretum, discover a Victorian landscape masterpiece

Apex bold, book & light

A modern san-serif font.

Best for:

- Headings (Apex bold)
- Body text (Apex book / light)
- Wayfinding & signage

Don't use the medium weight.

Apex bold abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 1234567890

Apex book abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 1234567890 Apex light

abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 1234567890

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Secondary typefaces

Can be used for:

 Headings on marketing and interpretation materials.

Always use alongside primary typefaces. Don't use for subheadings or body text. Below are some suggested typefaces that fit with the nineteenth century heritage of the arboretum. Other typefaces can be used, subject to sign-off from the Westonbirt team.

See design layout & examples for more information on use.

Additional TYPEFACES should WORK in HARMONY with the PRIMARY typefaces

Richardone

Egyptienne Condensed Bold abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ 1234567890

TAKE YOUR OWN incredible VICTORIAN TREE LANDSCAPE

Jane Austen abedefshijklmnopgstuvwegz 1234567890

Planted Live Wellingtonias, 1856

Poplar Standard Black abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ 1234567890 CALLING all TREE Explorers



The logo, graphic elements, typography, colour, design layout, examples

Visual brand colour palette

Colour is key to the arboretum visual brand, the planting gives year round colour and being planted in the picturesque style, darker foliage colours are used to set off lighter colours.

The colours chosen are all taken from natural elements found within the arboretum.

See design layout & examples for more information on use.

Broadleaves and evergreens		Seasonal leaves and flowers					Bark, stone and earth.		
Pantone 388 c 14 m 0 y 79 k 0 hex: #e3e65b	Pantone 349 c 100 m 0 y 91 k 42 hex: #00703c	Pantone 182 c 0 m 26 y 10 k 0 hex: #fac8cb	Pantone 102 c 0 m 0 y 95 k 0 hex: #fff203	Pantone 217 c 0 m 28 y 0 k 0 hex: #f9c5dc	Pantone 263 c 10 m 14 y 0 k 0 hex: #e0d7eb	Pantone 304 c 30 m 0 y 6 k 0 hex: #ade0ec	Pantone 400 c 0 m 3 y 6 k 16 hex: #dad3cc	Pantone 468 c 6 m 9 y 23 k 0 hex: #eee1c6	Pantone 454 c 9 m 6 y 17 k 0 hex: #e7e5d
Pantone 390 c 22 m 0 y 100 k 8 hex: #c1cd23	Pantone 350 c 79 m 0 y 100 k 75 hex: #004712	Pantone 185 c 0 m 91 y 76 k 0 hex: #ef3e42	Pantone 116 c 0 m 16 y 100 k 0 hex: #ffd200	Pantone Rhodamine Red c 3 m 89 y 0 k 0 hex: #e64097	Pantone 264 c 26 m 28 y 0 k 0 hex: #b9b2d8	Pantone 311 c 63 m 0 y 12 k 0 hex: #42e4dd	Pantone 402 c 0 m 6 y 14 k 31 hex: #bbb0a3	Pantone 465 c 20 m 32 y 58 k 0 hex: #cfab7a	Pantone 452 c 24 m 18 y 42 k 0 hex: #c5c19c
Pantone 376 c 50 m 0 y 100 k 0 hex: #8dc63f	Pantone Black 3 c 60 m 0 y 60 k 91 hex: #002e1a	Pantone 187 c 0 m 100 y 79 k 20 hex: #c41230	Pantone 151 c 0 m 48 y 95 k 0 hex: #f89728	Pantone 248 c 40 m 100 y 0 k 2 hex: #9f218b	Pantone 265 c 54 m 56 y 0 k 0 hex: #8177b7	Pantone 299 c 85 m 19 y 0 k 0 hex: #009bdb	Pantone 405 c 0 m 10 y 33 k 72 hex: #695e4a	Pantone 463 c 30 m 56 y 100 k 37 hex: #bb7e32	Pantone 450 c 60 m 50 y 100 k 22 hex: #67652
Pantone 369 c 59 m 0 y 100 k 7 hex: #6cb33f		Pantone 188 c 0 m 97 y 100 k 50 hex: #8b0e04	Pantone Warm Red c 0 m 75 y 90 k 0 hex: #f26531	Pantone 262 c 45 m 100 y 0 k 55 hex: #56004e	Pantone 267 c 89 m 100 y 0 k 0 hex: #492f92	Pantone 309 c 100 m 0 y 0 k 72 hex: #004a69	Pantone 412 c 0 m 30 y 66 k 98 hex: #251100	Pantone 476 c 57 m 80 y 100 k 45 hex: #54301a	Pantone 448 c 65 m 58 y 100 k 35 hex: #524f26

Using the colour palette with the logo

The examples below show how the colour palette can be used flexibly with the maple leaf marque and the full logo to create dynamic pairings of colours.

See design layout & examples for more information on use.





The logo, graphic elements, typography, colour, design layout & examples

Off-site examples marketing publications

Design notes

- use of holding box for full logo
- strong use of colours from palette
- strong use of photography
- holding box can be used for Forestry Commission logo and supporting message.
- dynamic use of typography and graphic elements to create depth

DL template grid (99x210mm)

Forestry Commission England

Westonbirt The National

Arboretum

Example application



Westonbirt is a unique collection of 16,000 trees from all over the world. But it's much more than that. It's the perfect place in which to escape, relax or have an adventure... to make this one of

Today, Westonbirt is known as a hotspot for the very best in autumn colour.

ut regular visitors know our best kept secret: that Westonbirt is fantastic all year round. From magnificent flowering trees in spring, to sculptural and bright stemmed specimens in winter. Whether you want a peaceful stroll off the

beaten track, or to seek out stimulating facts on a seasonal trail, you'll find time amongst the trees is time well spent.

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Find us

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Westonbirt The National Arboretum









We've got so many great events at Westonbirt! Here are some of the highlights...



Inspired by Autumn

Get creative and help your family to be inspired by the brilliant autumn colour: There's a different activity every day!



An Enchanted Christmas

A spectacular one mile trail, highlighting the striking structures of Westonbirt's trees illuminated against the night sky. Stick Man trail



Discover the best bits about ticks! Pick up a trail from the Great Oak Hall. Based on Julia Donaldson's book, Stick Man.



Westonbirt Wednesdays njoy spring colour with half ion on Wednesdays in March. April and Mav.

Find out more For more information, call







Our friendly team of staff and volunteers are on hand to help you get the most out of your visit, from first aid to

ardens in the world.

offers tasty and freshly prepared hot and cold refreshments in pleasant, relaxed surroundings. Open every day from 9am – 5pm. to eat and drink Visit the Westonbirt Cafe for takeaway tea, coffee and a range of hot and cold snacks. It's open 9am - 4pm every day. Outdoor seating is available.



Places



Be part of

Westonbirt

Easy to get around



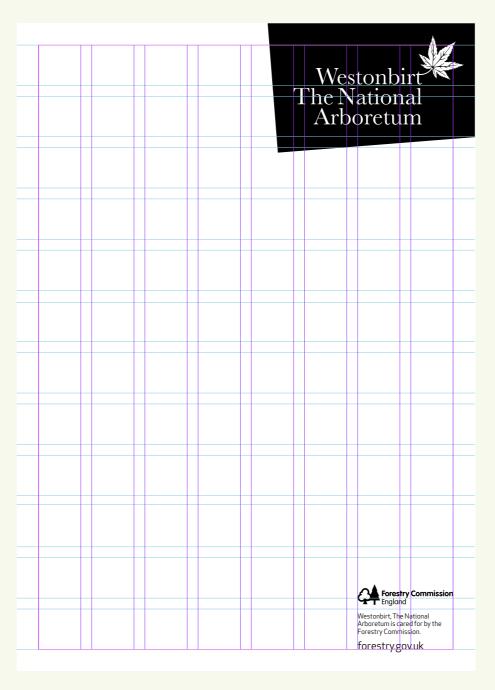


Off-site
examples
seasonal
promotional
campaign:
promotional poster

Design notes

- strong pairing of colours from palette.
- dynamic typography using brand fonts
- correct use of Forestry Commission logo and supporting message.

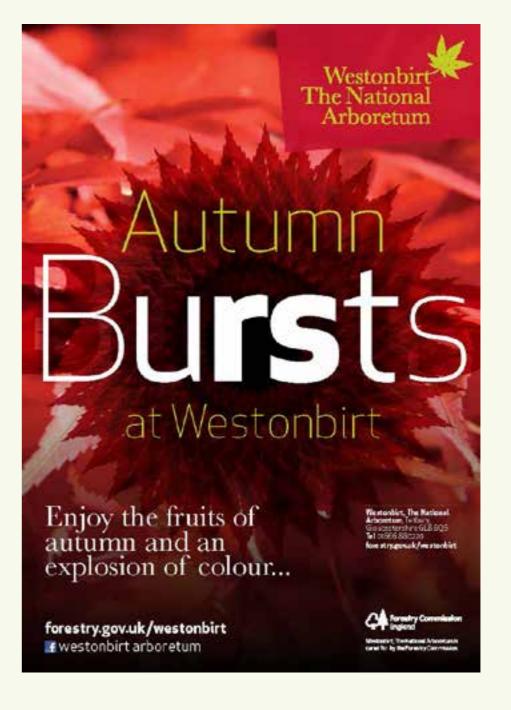
A4 template grid (99x210mm)



Typography notes

- Apex bold and light for heading
- Baskerville for supporting text
- Apex bold and light for small / info text

Example application



Off-site examples seasonal promotional campaign

Design notes

- strong pairing of colours from palette.
- dynamic typography using brand fonts
- correct use of Forestry Commission logo (but no supporting message).

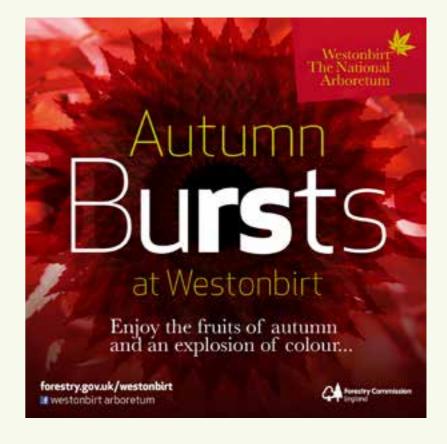
Specifications

- banner specifications are available from the Westonbirt team.

PVC banner (2840x1090mm)

PVC banner (2438x2438mm)

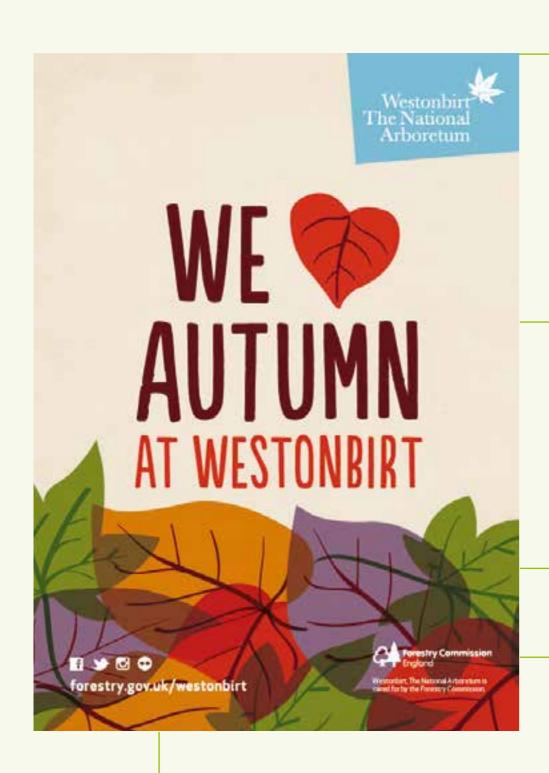




Off-site
examples
seasonal
promotional
campaign:
promotional posters

The two examples below show how the visual identity allows for a creative approach. The main title can use one of the primary typefaces (Baskerville or Apex), though others can be used with the approval of the Westonbirt team, as shown here.

The other elements (eg. placement of logos, informative text) are more rigid and and are required to follow the rules laid out in this guide and as shown below.



Full logo in containing device

Secondary typefaces can be used for large, display purposes

Strong pairing of colours from palette.

Forestry Commission logo with supporting statement



Full logo in containing device

Secondary typefaces can be used for large, display purposes

Strong pairing of colours from palette.

All supporting text uses Apex bold, book or light.

Forestry
Commission
logo with
supporting
statement

All supporting text uses Apex bold, book or light.

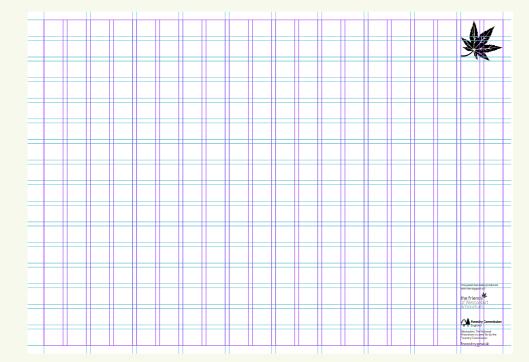
On-site examples interpretation panel

Design notes

- strong use of colours from palette
- dynamic editorial layout style strong use of grid, headline, introduction and bodytext
- use of The Friends of Westonbirt and Forestry Commission logos as per guidance.
- use of additional graphic elements to give depth to design

A0 template grid (841×1189mm)

Example application





On-site examples seasonal interpretation panels

Design notes

- strong use of colours from palette
- dynamic editorial layout style strong use of grid, headline, introduction and bodytext
- use of The Friends of Westonbirt and Forestry Commission logos as per guidance.





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On-site examples vehicle facing signage

Design notes

- use of angles within signage structure and panel shape
- routed maple leaf marque on timber post
- strong pairing of colours from palette. In this instance the colours have been chosen based on the shadows cast on the ground by trees, with the light green based on the colour of leaves through sunlight.
- correct use of Forestry Commission logo and supporting message.

Examples below show driveway signage

- uses full Westonbirt, The National Arboretum logo as per guidance on page 6.









Pantone 388 c 14 m 0 y 79 k 0

Pantone 309 c 100 m 0 y 0 k 72

On-site

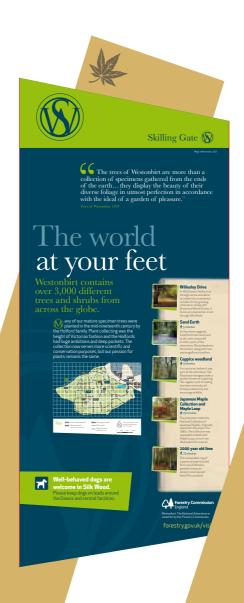
examples visitor facing signage - wayfinding and interpretive

- use of angles within signage structure and panel shape

- routed maple leaf marque on timber post use of monogram to denote area of arboretum correct use of Forestry Commission logo and supporting message.









On-site examples visitor facing signage interpretive hotspot signage

- use of angles within signage structure and panel shape
- -routed maple leaf marque on timber post
- use of monogram to denote hotspot correct use of Forestry Commission logo and supporting message.
- graphic elements to create depth to panel design







On-site examples Interpretation banners

- use of heritage elements to give depth to design layout.
- monogram style for drop capitals. use of The Friends of Westonbirt and Forestry Commission logos as per guidance.





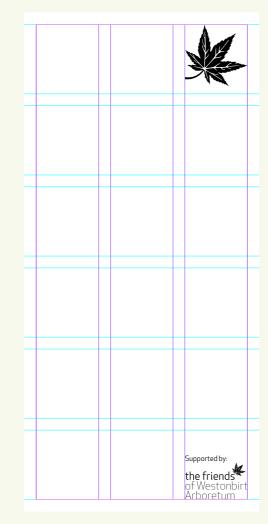
On-site examples seasonal guide

Design notes

- strong photography use of The Friends of Westonbirt Arboretum' logo and supported by message.

DL template grid (99x210mm)

Example application





On-site examples seasonal guide map

- use of unique Westonbirt map
- hotspot identifiers
- event marketing

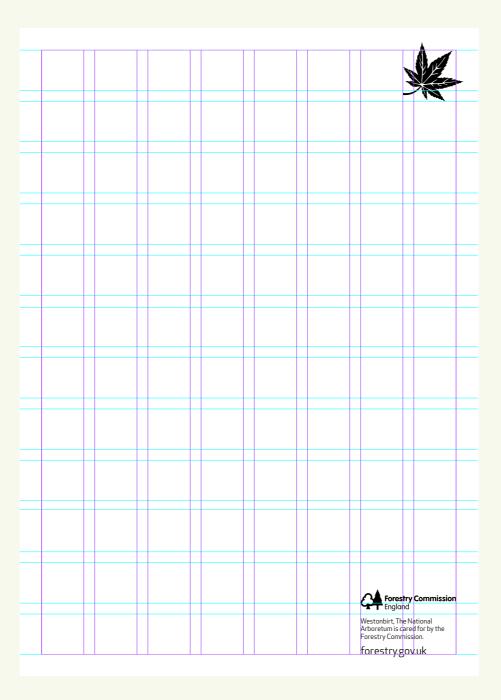


On-site examples information poster

Design notes

- strong pairing of colours from palette. In this instance the colours have been chosen based on the colours of spring flowers that bloom in the arboretum
- dynamic typography using brand fonts
- correct use of Forestry Commission logo and supporting message.

A4 template grid (99x210mm)



Example application

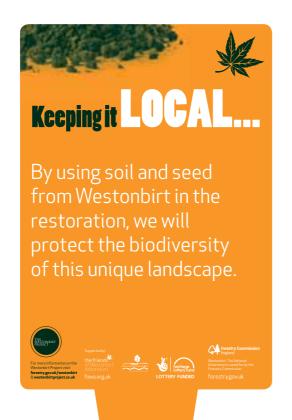


On-site examples one-off temporary interpretation signage

- strong use of colour palette
- concept lef approach. Interpretation designed to emulate plant labels as interpreting use of soil to restore an arboretum landscape.
- dynamic typography using secondary brand fonts
- correct use of Forestry Commission logo and supporting message.
- correct use of The Friends logo.
- supporting logos used in an appropriate way.















For advice on using these guidelines please contact: Forestry Commission Design & Creative 0300 067 4000 englanddesign@forestry.gsi.gov.uk