

Arboretum Success

Glendale

Civic Trees



Civic Trees recorded a 98% establishment success rate two years after completing an arboretum at Tusmore Estate, a large private country residence in Oxfordshire.

Civic Trees were contracted by McQuitty Landscape Architects to create the arboretum that was to be located on an 11 acre area of pasture land close to the main house. The owner was keen to have a unique landscape constructed which highlighted tree species from around the world as a space to entertain guests.

As well as a large selection of semi-mature specimens, the arboretum was designed to have the maximum aesthetic impact with landscaped hillocks and sweeping paths incorporated into the design.

By combining the team's experience in project management and sub-contractor liaison, Civic Trees co-ordinated the arboretum project and made sure that it was delivered on schedule, in-line with McQuitty's intentions.

Earth moving for the arboretum was undertaken by a sub-contractor as part of the main contract to create the new landscape. Once the landscape shape was completed the tree planting and path creation could begin.

Civic Trees' experienced sales manager organised for himself and the landscape designer from McQuitty to fly to a specialist semi-mature tree nursery in the Netherlands in order to select the trees for the scheme.

In total over 350 semi-mature trees were selected to be planted. The specimens were top quality with character that would enhance the finished creation including three nine-metre high Lebanese Cedar trees to make a stunning impact on the horizon.

The entire arboretum was enclosed with wooden post and rail fencing and Civic Trees planted a number of whips and hedging plants on the boundary to soften the edges of the site and create a native feel.

The sculptured soil was dressed with a wild-flower mix to provide a splash of colour at ground level during the summer months breaking up the shades of green.

Civic Trees' staff undertake maintenance and irrigation for the trees, particularly over the summer months.



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