

TREES

Around Stirling



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I have been taking photographs of trees for some years. Recently I chose a few from from in and around Stirling. TreeLink would like to encourage its members to take photos of local trees and to share them.

There might be a tree that often catches your eye, like the ash on the previous page that I see across the Forth at the Old Harbour from my home in Riverside. It could be trees that add to the historic built environment of Stirling, like these sycamores at Cambuskenneth Abbey.



Or in this view from Riverside to the Abbey Craig and Wallace Monument.



Your photographs don't have to be black and white like the ones on the previous page. Black and white often suits bare winter trees. But sometimes it is the colour that catches your eye, like this young leaf on a beautiful maple growing beside Stirling Rowing Club.



Or the autumn colours in this shot looking across at the sunshine on Craigforth from the Kings Park. And you don't need a 'real camera' to catch a scene like this. This was taken on my mobile phone a few years ago.



Sometimes a favourite tree is worth
returning to.



I have photographed this birch
beside Cocksburn Reservoir
in all seasons.

Details are often a good way to show the character of trees, like this old oak in the University grounds.



And this old cherry growing beside Riverside Community Orchard.



Many trees have beautiful flowers, fruits and berries like the hawthorn, rowan and apple. Others are less 'showy' but just as interesting, like this yew berry photographed in Forthside.



And this willow, also photographed in Forthside.



We often think of photos as an accurate way of recording reality. But a photograph it is just a two dimensional representation of our selection from the world around us.



It can be fun taking things another step from reality by, for example, making double exposures. These are tree portraits superimposed on close-ups of bark, moss and lichens.



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