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In August 2026 volunteers installed seven heavy duty oak posts along both routes of the linear native tree arboretum. On each post are two interpretation panels created by local artist Steve Pardue. These show wildlife specific to the area and leaves to assist tree identification in the area. The designs also embrace local history. For example, linnets are illustrated. Linnets like seeds, especially flax seeds. In Whittle Dene, part of the arboretum route, there was a flax mill for linen making and there is still a place there called Bleach Green where the linen was placed to dry and bleach in the sun.

Each post has the Ovington Trees logo and direction arrows indicating the route and direction to walk. Each panel has the QR code of Ovington Trees enabling walkers to visit our website and download route maps and information guides about each route.

Additional directional arrow discs have been installed to assist with way marking.

Donations from The Joicey Trust via Northumberland Community and Voluntary Action, and from the local county councillor's access to MLIS funding helped to pay for the artist and contractors commissioned to complete this project.

Many thanks to our donors and all the amazing volunteers who have helped bring our linear routes to fruition.

Why not try to find each post? There are four along the 'red' route and three along the 'blue' route. For maps and guides go to

www.ovingtontrees.co.uk/documents

