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NEW TREES ARE PLANTED IN BANCROFT GARDENS

The first batch of new trees to replace those that have been removed from Stratford-upon-Avon's famous Bancroft Gardens are being planted this week.

Thirteen semi-mature lime trees are being placed in the area north of the canal basin – alongside the Gower Memorial – as part of the landscape transformation of the site. Several hundred shrubs, climbers, herbaceous perennials and grasses are also being planted to give the location a fresh look.

Shona Williams, of landscape architects Land Use Consultants, said: “The trees – cube-headed lime trees known as *Tilia Cordata* (“Greenspire”) – have been specially selected for the site and are being brought from the Hillier nursery in Hampshire.

“The area alongside the Gower Memorial is proposed as a new flower garden that is intended to become a garden of horticultural excellence. A mixture of colour textures and leaf sizes will combine to create a contemporary Elizabethan garden.”

The trees are approximately 15 years old and have been specially grown to have cube-shaped crowns. Since planning approval for the redevelopment of the Bancroft Gardens was granted last year, the trees have been professionally maintained in readiness for their arrival in Stratford this week.

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