

Birchgrove

Woodland Grove
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A Special Edition

In 1996 The Birchgrove Group sponsored the planting of 1200 trees at the Woodland Trust's woodland creation site at Stratton St. Margaret, near Swindon, Wiltshire. This grove of trees will create a living and lasting tribute to the lives of people with haemophilia who were infected with HIV via contaminated clotting factors. It was intended by Birchgrove, that this woodland should become a peaceful place for people to visit and remember those who had their lives so profoundly affected by HIV.

These 1200 trees cover approximately 2 of the 135 acre Stratton Wood, and the wood itself forms part of the group of woodlands freely open to the public and collectively known as the Great Western Community Forest.

This grove of trees will not only be a memorial to those who have sadly died, but will also show the resilience and strength of those who are still affected and living with HIV/AIDS.

PICTURE OF STONE WITH ENGRAVED WORDS

