

St Julians Road/Knole - Nature's Own Sculpture Trail Trees

Trees that inspired artworks are shown in **green**, seen at www.jackiegwyther.com/knoletreegallery

1 Coronet ///shares.acted.swan A coronet cut mimics the way branches naturally break in storms, encouraging decay and creating valuable wildlife habitats. The intricate patterns of the cuts on the tree and the felled trunk resemble 3D interlocking puzzle pieces. This imagined reconstruction highlights both the tree's former strength and its continuing role in the woodland.	2. Dancing Hornbeam ///tunes.scope.custom #dancinghornbeam The silhouette of this ancient hornbeam, shaped by time and decay, takes on the form of a lively dancing figure. However, within its hollowed cavity a wondrous world reveals itself. Rich colours, intricate textures and organic shapes delight the eye.	3. Living Arch ///belong.singer.grew Over time, the trunk shifted sideways and a side branch supported its fall. This side limb established its own roots in the ground to sustain the tree. This ability to survive enabled a "phoenix" trunk to rise from the crown of the arch. In high summer, ferns partly conceal this unique living sculpture.
4. Witch Tree ///tanks.packet.flying #knole_witch_tree The distinctive silhouette of a solitary dead oak tree resembles a witch. Twisted, skeletal branches that end in sharp, spiky fingers scratch at the unsettled sky. A living oak and a yew stand nearby. Their branches naturally intertwined in a timeless embrace creating a powerful visual contrast between vitality and mortality.	5. Sentinel ///storms.simply.excuse With its sculptural form, the dead tree has the commanding presence of an ancient sentinel, standing watch over the park as a silent guardian and witness to the natural rhythms of nature.	6. Burns without fire ///bill.pace.thanks The tree stump forms a natural sculpture with three jagged sections ascending skyward like licks of fire. Their twisted shapes appear alive, captured in a moment of silent movement.
7. Hollow Tree ///cuts.squad.engage #knole_hollow_tree The heartwood of this oak has hollowed out by fungal decay, creating an intriguing cylindrical cavity within its trunk. This painting captures a breathtaking interplay of texture, beauty and rich colour hidden within. Light dances over the internal structures and illuminates the intricate patterns of decomposing wood	8. A Landscape Within ///desire.latest.jobs #a_landscape_within Despite the rich array of colour and texture, Jackie was drawn to a very small section of the bark. It is reminiscent of an aerial satellite map of a town with roads, buildings and open areas. Discovering this chosen area on the tree itself becomes a kind of treasure hunt.	9. Shaped by Adversity ///poker.figure.ears The knotty, wart-like swellings, burls and textured protrusions across the chestnut's trunk are intriguing. Like battle scars, they are a living record of the tree's struggle with stress, injury or infection.

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