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Who Am I?

My leaves are dark green, heart-shaped and flimsy, measuring 6-10cm in length. If you look carefully you will see that they are lopsided and lobed at the base.



I am native to much of Europe, including the UK and am often found in urban areas and parks. Where else in Hilton will you find me lining a path?

My leaves are eaten by the caterpillars of many moth species.



They are also very attractive to tiny insects called aphids which leave a sticky deposit on the leaves called honeydew. Bees and other insects drink the aphid honeydew deposited on the leaves. and collect pollen from my flowers



My wood is soft and light, white-yellow and finely textured. It is easy to work and often used in carving and furniture making. My bark was once used to make rope and, because my wood does not warp, it is still used today to make piano keys, bean sticks, cups, ladles, bowls and even Morris-dancing sticks.

