

PRACTICALITY BROWN TREES FACT SHEET: PLEACHED

We can supply a range of trees for decorative or screening purposes.

Pleached trees

'Pleaching' is a method of training trees by tying in and interlacing flexible young shoots along a supporting framework; it can also be called fan trained. Espalier trees is the term used for pleached fruit trees, designed so that sun can shine on the fruit.

Trees trained in this way will require regular maintenance to prune back and tie any loose branches back onto the frames. Pleached panels can be extremely effective for improving privacy in gardens, without reducing the living space in the garden.

Clear stem and frame sizes vary; typically pleached trees have a clear stem of 1.8 to 2m and a frame size of 1.2m wide by 1.5m high. The most widely available deciduous pleached tree is Hornbeam (latin name: *Carpinus Betulus*) Clear stems can be up to 2.5m high and square frames of 1.5m x 1.5m to 2m x 2m. We can offer the choice between those that have been newly pleached up to 3 or 4 years old.









Box head Trees

We also supply box head trees which have cubed heads with clear stems. Box head trees are used as individual pieces to compliment the garden and are trained into shape using similar methods to pleaching, but it takes a longer time to cultivate them into to required shape.

The trees are supplied with a clear stem of between 1.80 and 2.20 metres and a girth size of 18cm or more.

Example of prices

	Variety	Туре	Head size	Girth	Price
	Hornbeam Carpinus betulus	Newly pleached	1.5m x 1.5m	18cm	£360
	Hornbeam Carpinus betulus	Box Head	1.2m x 1.2m	25cm	£780
	Red Robin <i>Photinia fraseri</i> "	2 yr old pleached	1.5m x 1.2m	14cm	£260

NB Prices exclude VAT at 20% and delivery, minimum order of 5 pleached trees – call us for a detailed quote.