

BENEATH THE WALNUT TREE



A live art project devised by James William Murray
In collaboration with Fiona Allison

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It is said that if one sleeps beneath a walnut tree he or she will see the future in their dreams . . .

On the 28th of March 2012 James William Murray slept beneath a walnut tree in New Cross, London.

The following texts were written by Fiona Allison in response to Murray's live action.

Beneath the Walnut Tree was exhibited at Utopia Project Space, Deptford, April 27th - May 5th 2012. (Film/text)

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Also included are a record of walnut trees in Lewisham, provided by Peter Moss, in association with Lewisham Council.

it's alright
it's perfect
it's totally humdrum
which is exactly what
you know
it's fine

at the bus stop
we are told stories
whilst carefully
shaping our teeth
our cheeks
from their wording

symbols of fertility
fill your head
cross checked
on the computer

searching for
more thrills?
a new way
to
place yourself in the dictionary

I take you
stringing in cobwebs
to the site
plain
and surprised

guided by maps
tracing only trees

we have found
to be worried
by sleepless nights
dreamless afternoons

I mean

most of the time

I was thinking

God it would suck to be homeless

but it was quite calm

as well

it was nice

and it really made me aware of my surroundings

because I think when you're trying to sleep

somewhere

you are quite intensely aware of your surroundings

aren't you?

**the grass moves
lightly
against face**

a dog bark
snaps you back
into the painting

colours hazy

suspiciously encouraging
child's play

I listen
intently
as strangers lend you equipment

horses graze close by

note

thin lines
coating our eyes
stay with us

open

above

slowly
you

thank the daylight

for its audience

*it seemed quite stark
but that's what it is
it's humdrum
and it could've been anywhere couldn't it?*



Arbortrack Report 15/02/2012

Vegetation ID	Species Common	Species Code	Height	Street	House Num
Bellingham-00422	Common Walnut	JUGREG	18	MEADOWVIEW ROAD	204
Bellingham-01448	Common Walnut	JUGREG	3	Beckenham Place Park	0
Bellingham-01451	Common Walnut	JUGREG	6	Beckenham Place Park	0
Bellingham-01510	Common Walnut	JUGREG	15	Beckenham Place Park	0
Bellingham-01548	Common Walnut	JUGREG	6	Beckenham Place Park	0
Bellingham-01551	Common Walnut	JUGREG	6	Beckenham Place Park	0
Bellingham-01552	Common Walnut	JUGREG	6	Beckenham Place Park	0
Bellingham-01553	Common Walnut	JUGREG	6	Beckenham Place Park	0
Bellingham-01554	Common Walnut	JUGREG	6	Beckenham Place Park	0
Bellingham-01555	Common Walnut	JUGREG	6	Beckenham Place Park	0
Bellingham-02101	Common Walnut	JUGREG	6	Southend Park	0
Blackheath-00324	Common Walnut	JUGREG	12	ETON GROVE	
Blackheath-01491	Common Walnut	JUGREG	18	PRENDERGAST ROAD	1 to 20
Blackheath-01546	Common Walnut	JUGREG	9	PARAGON PLACE	49
Brockley-01122	Common Walnut	JUGREG	15	ALBYN ROAD	97
Downham-00006	Common Walnut	JUGREG	9	Bamford Road	
Evelyn-00696	Common Walnut	JUGREG	3	CONCORDE WAY	19
Evelyn-00698	Common Walnut	JUGREG	3	CONCORDE WAY	15
Evelyn-00699	Common Walnut	JUGREG	3	CONCORDE WAY	11
Evelyn-00702	Common Walnut	JUGREG	3	CONCORDE WAY	9
Evelyn-00705	Common Walnut	JUGREG	3	CONCORDE WAY	1
Evelyn-00718	Common Walnut	JUGREG	6	LEATHER ROAD	2
Evelyn-00727	Common Walnut	JUGREG	6	REGENERATION ROAD	4
Evelyn-00757	Common Walnut	JUGREG	3	LAMBOURNE GROVE	7
LewishamCentral-00085	Common Walnut	JUGREG	12		
LewishamCentral-00090	Common Walnut	JUGREG	6		
LewishamCentral-00860	Common Walnut	JUGREG	6	LEWISHAM HIGH STREET	0
NewCross-01063	Common Walnut	JUGREG	12	Congers House	
PerryVale-01288	Common Walnut	JUGREG	9	Valentine Court	22
PerryVale-01291	Common Walnut	JUGREG	12	Valentine Court	
PerryVale-01297	Common Walnut	JUGREG	12	Valentine Court	
PerryVale-01303	Common Walnut	JUGREG	6	Valentine Court	

All poetry in *italics* have been generated from extracts of interviews with James William Murray conducted on 28th March, 2012 by Fiona Allison.

To view more of the artists' work visit:

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