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The car park at Cow Haugh is where adventures begin. Smiling walkers are busy lacing up boots, donning anoraks, sitting at the rear of their cars before setting off on their walks. The site is precarious nestling between the river and the road and is inundated from time to time. When the online flood level chart shows 2.2 metres, the car park is underwater.

Not a place to consider as a location for a favourite tree then? But surprisingly for me, it is.

Tucked away at the far SW corner is a young, shapely horse chestnut that provides a regular supply of conkers for my tree nursery. Horse chestnuts grow into large trees, and in years to come, this tree will dominate the corner of the car park. For now, it is supplying progeny that will provide handsome features in the local area where space allows.