

## 52N.3W By Neil Purcell

This beautiful, 'Golden Oak' is bang on the 52N.3W intersection in the middle of a field in the village of Michaelchurch Escley in Herefordshire. The village lies just a couple of miles east of the imposing Hatterall Ridge, which is a limb of the Black Mountains and also forms the border between Wales and England. Offa's Dyke Path follows the line of the ridge too.

The tree is approximately 300 metres from the nearest road and is accessed across several fields, a few gates and a babbling brook. The shot is facing in a WNW direction, just as the early morning sun is just breaking over the horizon behind me. I was approximately 30-35m from the intersection when taking the shot.

You may notice the shape of an eye, formed by a knot and shadows on the trunk, just above the first main limbs reaching out to the right of the picture. It seems to be saying, "You looking at me?"