

# ACCESSIBLE TOURS

Embracing Inclusivity in Nature

## Introduction

The Glasgow Botanic Gardens aim to provide an inclusive and enriching experience for all visitors. However, current tour materials are not fully accessible to deaf and blind individuals, limiting their ability to independently explore and engage with the Gardens. There is a need to adapt these materials to ensure equal access and enhance the overall visitor experience for those with sensory impairments.

## Solutions

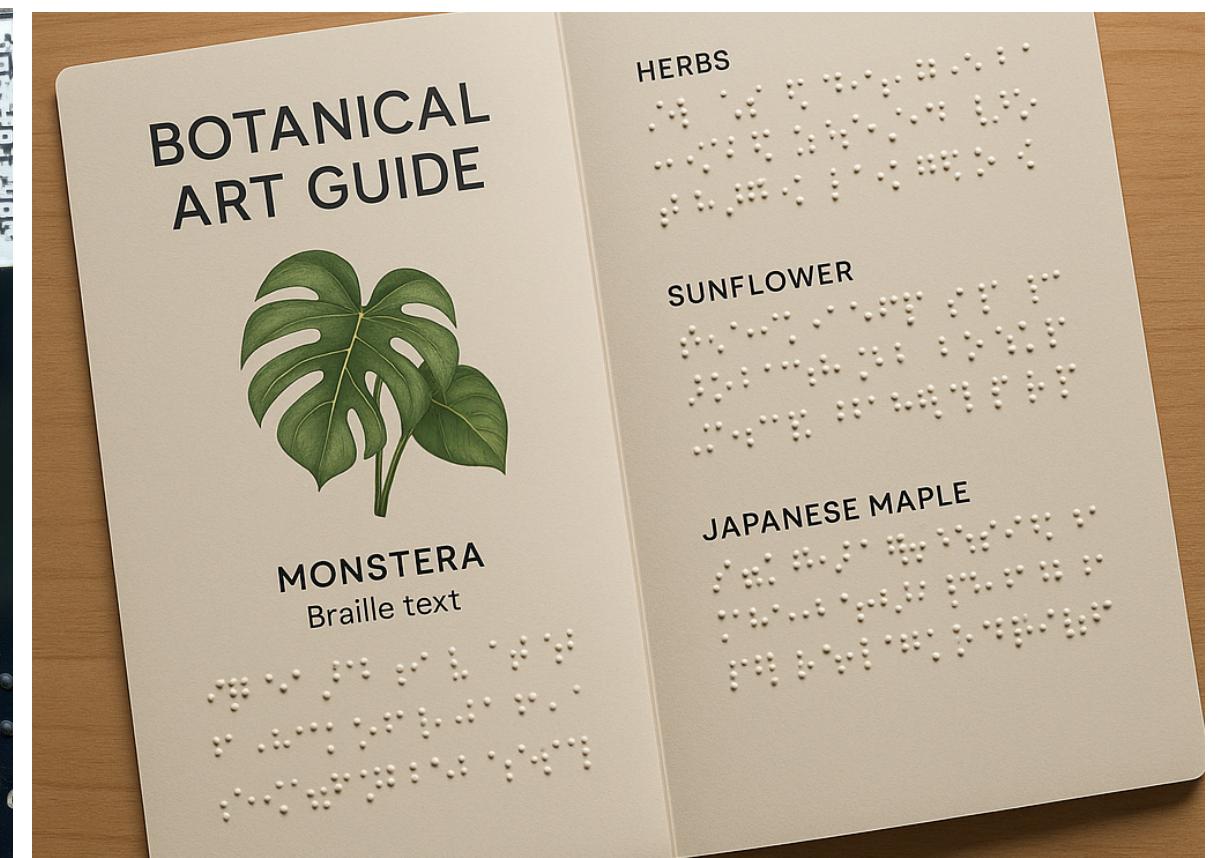
### 1) Brailled Text

Brailled text will be added to existing plant signs, allowing users to read the plant names and basic information through touch.

Second, a brailled tactile guidebook will include raised plant illustrations and descriptions in braille, offering an immersive experience.



Braille on existing signs



Braille guidebook

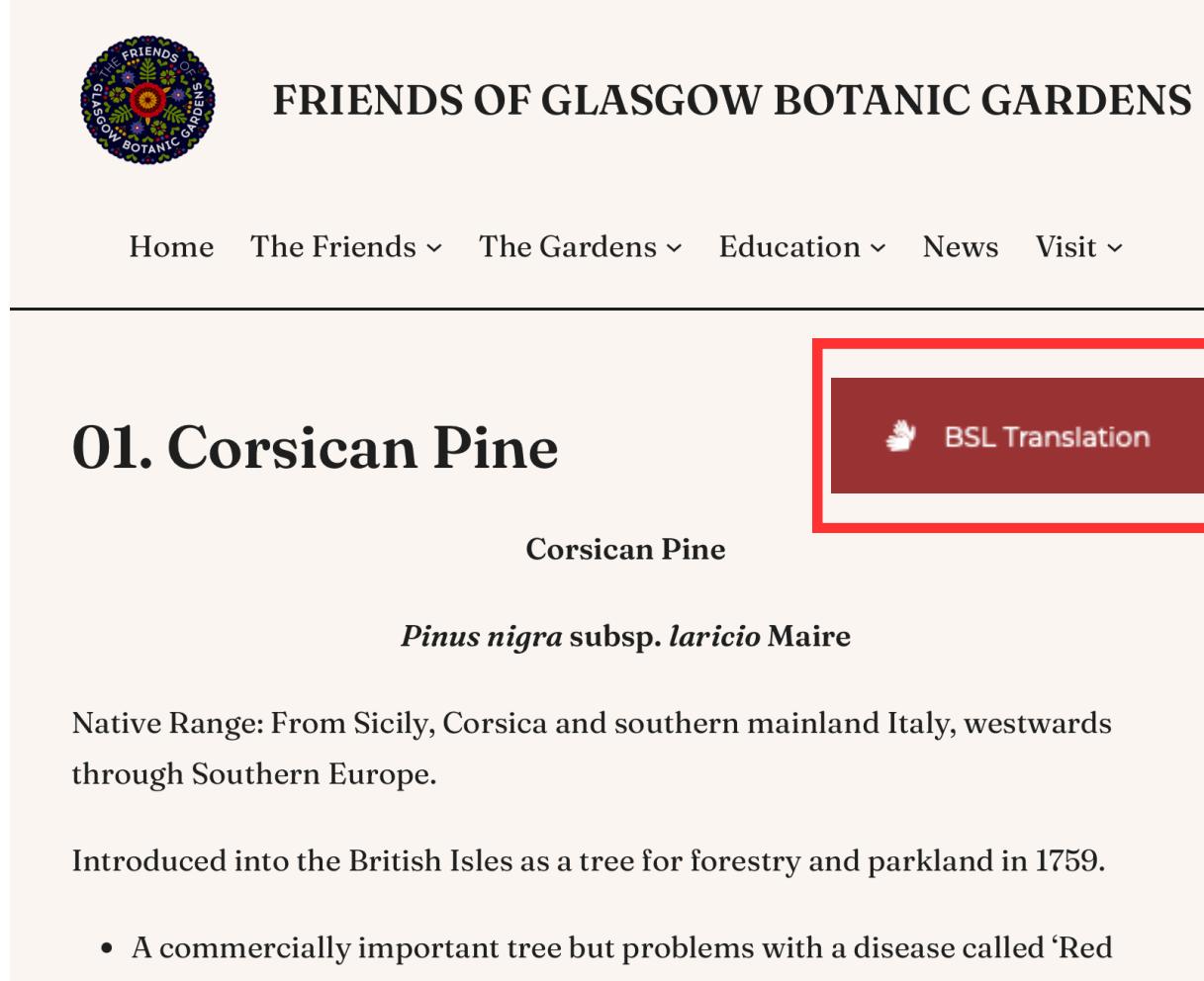
### 2) QR Codes with British Sign Language (BSL) Translation

#### Step 1:



Signages will have QR codes linking to informational webpages

#### Step 2:



Each webpage provides a video to a BSL translation

#### Step 3:



BSL provides more in-depth and nuanced information to deaf visitors than simple text.

Some plants and trees in the Gardens already have QR codes that link to webpages with detailed information. To enhance accessibility, we can include **videos with British Sign Language (BSL) translations**. Additionally, we can expand this system by adding QR codes and descriptions for other flora that currently lack any information.

## Impact

The proposed solution empowers blind and deaf visitors to engage with the Gardens in a more independent and meaningful way. It not only enhances their personal experience but also fosters a sense of inclusion, showing that their needs are considered and valued. This creates a more welcoming environment for all, regardless of ability.

## Implications

- Low-Cost and effective in long term
- Challenges:
  - Specialist printing needed for durable braille guidebooks
  - QR code signage requires weatherproofing and maintenance
  - Replacing existing signage may involve demolition and high upfront costs.

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