

History



Van den Berk Nurseries started as a mixed farm. Cattle breeding and growing trees and plants were combined well into the sixties. In the beginning of this period the brothers, who are the owners now, started to contribute to the parental company. When the production and the sales of, among others, Ligustrum and berberis, budded roses and sown forest planting stock proved to be successful during a number of years, it

was decided to stop the cattle breeding. In the period between 1965 and the beginning of the seventies the cattle breeding was hived off.

After that one expansion after the other followed. The brothers selectively purchased pieces of land. The company became more and more recognizable.

It appeared that the loamy sand soils were particularly suited for growing avenue trees. This led to further specialisation.

The land grew into an area of 220 hectares. Many trees of Van den Berk Nurseries that once stood in Sint-Oedenrode, have found their destination. Nearby or far away, somewhere in Europe.

The greenest village of Europe

The municipality of Sint Oedenrode won the international competition Entente Florale in 2000. An international jury awarded this village the title The Greenest Village in Europe. Everybody in Sint-Oedenrode is very honoured with this title. Not in the least Van den Berk Nurseries. The jury report highly appreciated the landscape elements of this municipality. Moreover, the international jury praised the way in which this unique

scenery is managed and maintained. All parties involved can have their say in consultative structures.

Van den Berk Nurseries with its 220 hectares of land plays a prominent part in this landscape. From the title Greenest Village of Europe it appears that Van den Berk Nurseries recognises the value of these unique natural regions.

A meaningful management and well-considered nature and environmental values go hand in hand in Sint-Oedenrode. Not only the council but also Van den Berk Nurseries is very proud of that.

