

## The Queen's Green Canopy

At its January meeting the parish council raised The Queen's Canopy Project (in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee this year) as something which the parish would wish to support.

*The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC)* is a unique tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 which invites people from across the United Kingdom to **"Plant a Tree for the Jubilee"**.

Everyone from individuals to Scout and Girlguiding groups, villages, cities, counties, schools and corporates will be encouraged to play their part to enhance our environment by planting trees during the official planting season between October to March. Tree planting will commence again in October 2022, through to the end of the Jubilee year.

The parish council expressed a desire to plant 70 trees throughout the parish to celebrate Her Majesty's 70 years of service.

An initial discussion with our tree warden has identified the following possible locations:

- Attleton Green - up to four trees (two replacements for loss of black poplar and a cherry)
- Coltsfoot Green - up to three trees (one replacement for recent loss of maple)
- Wickhambrook Cemetery
- Six Acres

An additional option which could be explored is planting on the outer banks, which would reduce run off on to the fields below, improve habitats for bird species etc (and longer term, reduce the need and cost to trim the banks).

The Woodland Trust is a partner of QGC and the parish council could apply for some (or all) trees through this scheme [Free Tree Packs: Frequently Asked Questions - Woodland Trust](#). Alternatively, if the parish is unable to secure all the trees it plans for under this scheme, or is looking to supply specific species, it could look at sourcing through other habitat schemes (Sunica) or purchasing subsidised trees from Woodland Trust through its Greens budget.

Applications for the March planting are now closed, but there would be sufficient time to apply to the Woodland Trust for delivery and planting in November (applications open spring 2022).

### **Action:**

**Councillors are asked to consider planting options to approve at the next meeting, which could be presented to the community at the Annual Parish Meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> April.**