

WEST SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL

Planning & Environment Committee

Queens Green Canopy

1. Introduction:

- 1.1 The Queen's Green Canopy initiative seeks to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee by encouraging the planting of trees all across the country to create a green legacy that benefits people, wildlife and climate.
- 1.2 Trees can be planted in private gardens, in public spaces both urban and rural and within existing woodlands. This initiative covers individual trees, street trees, small copses and whole new woodlands as long as they are planted between October 2021 through to the end of the Jubilee year in 2022. The Woodland Trust will be issuing free packs of saplings in November and March.
- 1.3 This is an opportunity to bring people together to create new green spaces within their communities. Local green spaces and woodlands have proved to be of huge value to everyone during the recent pandemic.
- 1.4 This initiative can be promoted to local residents and community groups. Further information is on the project website at: <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/schools-and-communities/queens-green-canopy/>.
- 1.5 For the Parish Council it is proposed that the Parish Council team combines this initiative with the previously agreed planting for Trees for Climate Change, and, works with the Swindon Borough Council Community Forest team to develop a coherent plan for planting in West Swindon.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that this Committee notes the opportunity, approves that the Parish Team allocate resources to enable tree planting across the Parish, and, identifies any sites it is seeking to promote for tree planting within the Parish (in addition to those already noted)..

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