

Avenue of Lime Trees

Nick Acklam has suggested that we plant an Avenue of 60 lime trees on the Swaffham Road to celebrate the 60 years of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee - see the map below.



Avenue of limes on the Swaffham Road
The planting area is shown in brown

Over time such an avenue will create a striking and attractive entrance to the village, mirroring to a degree the line of lime trees on the Burwell Road and bringing wildlife benefit to the area.

The avenue will be planted on grass verges owned by Cambridgeshire County Council - and they have given their approval. Underground utilities have also been located and will not interfere with our planting.

We will be planting native small-leaved lime trees - *Tilia Cordata* Greenspire. The small-leaved lime is widely grown as an ornamental and was frequently used to form avenues in 17th and early 18th century landscape planning. It grows well on chalk soils, produces a rich scent in the summer months which is very attractive to bees but does not generate significant quantities of honey dew.

We will be planting a tree for each year of the Queen's reign - so 60 in total. There is not enough room to plant an avenue of sixty trees (at 10 metre centres) so we will extend one line of planting - on the verge closest to the Devil's Dyke - to accommodate the full sixty and in the process providing a green link between the village and the Prospects Trust.

Funding is currently being sought to procure the trees, stakes, ties, mulch etc via The Big Tree Plant.

Planting will take place in October - and we will need as many of you as possible to come along and help. We plan to close the road for the time that it takes and provide sustenance whilst the hard work is done.

We will keep you informed of progress.

