## Dear Cavendish Resident,

Back in June, the Parish Council agreed to take part in the Queen's Green Canopy initiative by planting trees on The Green and in the cemetery to mark the Platinum Jubilee. This scheme has now been extended to March 2023 to encompass the whole planting season (It was due to end in October this year) to give people a chance to plant trees in memoriam to her late Majesty.

We have agreed to involve Cavendish school children in the planting ceremony and present them with a memento of the occasion. This will hopefully take place in November.

Our proposal is to plant two new trees at the top of The Green (See map). The existing Oak and Cherry trees, marked, are beginning to show signs of distress and may have to be removed in the near future. The new trees will hopefully be well established when this occurs.

It has been recommended that we plant, in the Northeast corner, a tree of the species Liquidambar Styraciflua, otherwise known as American Red Gum. It is a deciduous tree growing to 20m tall, broadly conical in outline, with glossy, maple-like, 5 to 7-lobed leaves which turn to spectacular shades of orange, crimson, and purple in autumn (See photograph).

We have yet to decide which species to plant in the Northwest corner. A large Magnolia has been suggested.

Naturally, we would like people's views and suggestions. If you have any comments to make, please get in touch. We hope to decide at our next Parish Council meeting and would appreciate a response by no later than 9<sup>th</sup> of November, thank you.

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