



This Tree Planting project is run by the Faringdon Churches' **EARTH & FAITH** group, supported by **FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL**. It is a local action against climate change, something we can all do to share our hopes for the future of the Earth. The aim is to plant a lot of trees, starting in November 2021, to coincide with the [UN COP26 Climate Conference](#) in Glasgow.

While taking part in the Faringdon tree planting project, you also have the option, if you wish, to dedicate your tree(s) to celebrate The Queen's forthcoming Platinum Jubilee (June 2022):

## The QUEEN'S GREEN CANOPY

is a nationwide drive to plant thousands of trees to honour Her Majesty's 70 years of service.

This leaflet gives you useful information to help you make a start.

The campaign will see communities, charities, schools, scout groups, councils, landowners and businesses, planting trees across the UK to create a lasting legacy in honour of The Queen's leadership of the Nation, that will enhance the environment and the landscape for generations to come.

After planting, you can add your Jubilee tree to [The Queen's Green Canopy map](#). You can also get an official plaque to place in your garden to mark the occasion for generations to come. Details of QGC plaques will be available from September 2021.

### PLANNING BEFOREHAND

Think about the right position for your tree.

It will need light and air to grow well – not close to a building, and not under existing trees or near an existing hedge.

Make sure your tree will not be in the way, for you or your neighbours - how wide will the branches and roots get? - and underground, think about electric cables and drains.

Before you buy a tree, check what its ultimate height will be. There are plenty of attractive trees suitable for a small garden, and good advice from the Woodland Trust, or [www.rhs.org.uk](http://www.rhs.org.uk) and specialist tree nurseries. If your garden soil is thin and dry, dig in some peat-free compost.

Find out what the tree will be like through the different seasons. Trees may have blossom or catkins in Spring, fruit in Summer and changing leaf colour in Autumn. All trees store away carbon, filter pollution from the air, provide cool shade in hot weather, and help to stabilise the soil. Trees are also attractive to wildlife, bringing birds and butterflies and other pollinators into your garden.

#### WHERE TO GET A TREE, AND HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

Trees for planting in winter are sold as bare-root trees, which are small 'whips' about 20 – 60 cms tall. Though very small to start with, they are easy to plant without damaging the roots. They establish well in winter when the ground is damp (but do not plant in frost) and they will put on good height in a few years.

The Woodland Trust sells bare-root trees online. Prices start under £10. **APPLY NOW** for trees to plant this winter.

Local nurseries and garden centres may sell larger trees that are a few years old, costing £20 and upwards. Always check that the tree you buy has been sourced from Great Britain or Ireland, to avoid the risk of bringing tree diseases across international boundaries. Look for Plant Healthy certification, or the OHAS Grower Standard.

When you order your tree, order some protection for it as well: a spiral guard supported by a cane for a small bare-root tree, or a cage and stake for a larger tree.

In order to participate in this project, you may buy your own tree from a reliable nursery or, if you are a school or community group, you may apply for FREE saplings through the Woodland Trust's partnership with the QGC.

For detailed information see the Woodland Trust website:

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/.../queens-green-canopy>

## BRANCH OUT WITH US IN 2021!

We hope you will decide to plant a tree this winter, for Faringdon and for the planet, and perhaps to be part of a green canopy over the whole country to mark a special year in The Queen's reign.

**We'd love to hear from you** so we can see how the project is going. Tell us your plans or send us your comments or questions using one of the contact forms on the [Faringdon Branches Out web page](#)

**Thank you!**