

75th VJ Cherry Tree Discussion Update

The timing of VJ Day is unfortunately not viable for a mass planting of trees therefore the committee would suggest that we aim to plant either one or two cherries as the ceremonial trees on VJ day and follow this up with the planting of the rest in October/November when they will be dormant (allowing the roots more time to grow) and it is possible that we will get more rain meaning that they will need less watering. It would therefore be practical to plant the ceremonial trees in location where we have permanent planting staff who can water them regularly, It would also be positive to have a planting at each end of the town.

As the aim is to have an event in Kensington Gardens, it would therefore seem sensible to have one of the ceremonies there along with the opening of the Japanese Garden as we don't have another park with a dedicated member of staff in the south of the town.

In the north of the town we have dedicated staff at Belle Vue and Sparrow's Nest and also at the Denes Oval. Belle Vue is heavily planted and has already had the Peace Garden, Sparrow's Nest has new planting planned in which cherries could be integrated however it has already had the Charter Oak planted within it. The Denes Oval has not had any new planting and this could possibly be tied into the restoration of the wall as a project for 2020 under the auspices of loan to repair the wall so the two could be done in conjunction.

This is a discussion paper and may need scaling down or spreading over a period of time and will need costing.

Possible Locations for Cherry Trees and Types

Site	Location	No/Type
Sparrow's Nest	Recommendation Prunus x subhirtella 'Autumnalis Rosea' (Winter Garden) Prunus mume 'Beni-chidori' (Winter Garden) Prunus 'Fragrant Cloud' (Sensory Garden)	1 1 1
Denes Oval	In the triangular bed south of the tennis courts close to the upper entrance plant three different cherries with Peace roses surrounding Recommendation Prunus Tai Haku Prunus 'Kobuku-zakura' Prunus 'Kiku-shidare-zakura'	1 1 1
The Ness	Recommendation Domestica Subsp 'Insititia' var. 'Syriaca'	1
Belle Vue	Include a Cherry in the pink bed Recommendation Prunus Amanogawa	1
Normanston Park	There are spaces where a couple of cherries have been removed in the last couple of years Recommendation We need to verify where the spaces are and the number of trees potentially. This could be done as part of this planting or as a future scheme for the park	?

Gunton Community Park	Feature cherry trees where paths meet in centre Recommendation Prunus 'Snow Goose' Chaenomeles speciosa 'Moerloosei'	3 5
Kensington Gardens	Placed in the Dahlia beds by the boating lake Recommendation Prunus Chocolate Ice	2
Britten Piece	This has a long path through it which might be a prime location for a walk of cherry trees and could be linked to his Spring Symphony (especially as it is one of our least interesting parks at the moment). We can speak to East Point Academy about caring for and watering the trees as part of the D of E Community Service. Recommendation Prunus 'Daikoku' Prunus 'Beni-yutaka' Prunus incisa 'Oshidori' Prunus 'Kanzan' Prunus serrulata 'Royal Burgundy' Prunus 'Shirofugen'	2 2 2 2 2 2
Fen Park	We have had a request for a Cheery tree from the Friends Group. We could also plant ta couple in the potential butterfly area with the friends watering once a week. Recommendation Prunus sargentii 'Rancho' (main park) Prunus avium 'Black Heart' Prunus avium 'Merton Glory'	1 1 1
Clarkes Lane	Potential Community Orchard Recommendation Prunus avium 'Stella' Prunus Cerasus 'Morello' Prunus domestica 'Valor' Prunus domestica 'Victoria' Malus domestica 'Scrumptious' Pyrus Williams Pyrus Moonglow	1 1 1 1 2 1 1
Gainsborough Pond	Friends group have agreed to one as part of their planting Recommendation Prunus Serrula Multistem	1
Town Green	Could plant a pair of cherries flanking the town sign but far enough apart that they do not obscure the sign. Although this is exposed there is a windbreak from the existing trees on the slope. Recommendation Prunus 'Ukon'	2
Stoven Close	Recommendation No Planting	0

Parkhill/ Bracken Rise	Recommendation No Planting	0
Thirlmere Way	Recommendation No Planting	0
St Margaret's Plain	Recommendation No Planting	0
Nightingale Rd Play Area	Recommendation No Planting	0
Whitton Green	Recommendation No Planting	0
Parklands Play area	Recommendation No Planting	0
Hollow Grove	Recommendation No Planting	0
Delius Close	Recommendation No Planting	0
Uplands Rd Nth	Recommendation No Planting	0
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Notley Road	Recommendation No Planting	0
Turnberry Close	Recommendation No Planting	0
Pakefield Green	Recommendation No Planting	0
Walmer Road	Recommendation No Planting	0
The Trams	Recommendation No Planting	0

Within the following table all of the those listed fall into the Prunus family and do have spring flowers however the Genus of Prunus actually covers other fruits and some nuts.

Prunus avium and Prunus padus include native species. Prunus Avium includes eating varieties of cherry.

- Prunus domesticus are varieties of plum
- Prunus Domestica Subsp 'Insititia' is an old english fruit called the Bullace particularly found in East Anglia and endangered but can also be Damsons
- Prunus Dulcis is the flowering almond whose seed are Almonds
- Prunus Persica is the Peach
- Prunus Armeniaca is the Apricot
- Prunus Spinosa is the Blackthorn or Sloe

Potential Varieties of Prunus
Prunus 'Accolade'
Prunus Amanogawa
Prunus Armeniaca
Prunus Avium
Prunus avium 'Bigarreau Burlat'
Prunus avium 'Bigarreau Napoléon'
Prunus avium 'Athos'
Prunus avium 'Black Heart'
Prunus avium 'Early Rivers'
Prunus avium 'Lapins'
Prunus avium 'Merton Glory'
Prunus avium 'Flora Plena'
Prunus avium 'Stella',
Prunus Avium 'Star Seedling'
Prunus avium 'Summer Sun'
Prunus avium 'Sunburst'
Prunus avium 'Sweetheart'
Prunus avium 'Van'
Prunus 'Beni-yutaka'
Prunus cerasifera
Prunus cerasifera 'Hessei'
Prunus cerasifera 'Iken' selection
Prunus cerasifera 'Nigra'
Prunus cerasifera 'Pissardii'
Prunus cerasifera 'Princess'
Prunus cerasifera 'Spring Glow'
Prunus cerasus 'Morello'
Prunus Chocolate Ice
Prunus Cistena
Prunus 'Collingwood Ingham'
Prunus 'Collingwood Ingram'
Prunus 'Collingwood Ingram'
Prunus 'Daikoku'
Prunus domestica Hauszwetsche
Prunus domestica 'Mirabelle de Nancy'
Prunus domestica 'Excalibur'
Prunus domestica 'Excalibur'
Prunus domestica 'President'
Prunus domestica 'Stanley'
Prunus domestica 'Valor'
Prunus domestica 'Victoria'

Prunus domestica 'Regina Claudia'
Prunus Domestica Subsp 'Insititia' Chantry Farm Selection
Prunus Domestica Subsp 'Insititia'
Potential Varieties of Prunus
Prunus Domestica Subsp 'Insititia' var. 'Syriaca'
Prunus Dulcis
Prunus 'Fragrant Cloud' - 'Shizuka'
Prunus 'Fugenzo'
Prunus 'Horinjii'
Prunus 'Hally Jolivette'
Prunus 'Ichiyo'
Prunus incisa 'February Pink'
Prunus incisa 'Frilly frock'
Prunus incisa 'Mikiori'
Prunus incisa 'Oshidori'
Prunus incisa Pendula
Prunus incisa 'The Bride'
Prunus 'Kanzan'
Prunus 'Kiku-shidare-zakura'
Prunus 'Kobuku-zakura' - 'Powder Puff'
Prunus incisa Kojo-no-mai
Prunus 'Kursar'
Prunus 'Little Pink Perfection'
Prunus lusitanica 'Brenelia'
Prunus maackii
Prunus maackii 'Amber Beauty'
Prunus Mahaleb
Prunus Matusmae Fuki (Chocolate Ice)
Prunus mume 'Beni-chidori'
Prunus mume 'Omoi-no-mama'
Prunus myrobalana
Prunus nipponica kurilensis 'Brilliant'
Prunus 'Okame'
Prunus Padus
Prunus padus 'Albertii'
Prunus padus 'Colorata'
Prunus padus 'Le thoueil'
Prunus padus 'Le Thoueil'
Prunus Padus 'Watereri'
Prunus 'Pandora'
Prunus persica
Prunus 'Pink Perfection'
Prunus 'Royal Burgundy'
Prunus Rufa
Prunus sargentii

Prunus sargentii 'Charles Sargent'
Prunus sargentii 'Rancho'
Prunus serrula
Potential Varieties of Prunus
Prunus serrula 'Branklyn'
Prunus serrula 'thibetica'
Prunus serrula 'thibetica' multistem
Prunus serrula 'thibetica' multistem
Prunus serrulata 'Royal Burgundy'
Prunus 'Shimidsu'
Prunus 'Shirofugen'
Prunus 'Shirotae'
Prunus 'Shogetsu' - Shimidsu- (Oku Miyako)
Prunus 'Shosar'
Prunus 'Snow Goose'
Prunus 'Snow Showers'
Prunus 'Spinosa'
Prunus 'Spire'
Prunus 'Sunset Boulevard'
Prunus 'Tai Haku'
Prunus 'Taoyame'
Prunus tenella 'Fire Hill'
Prunus 'Tiltstone Hellfire'
Prunus triloba 'Multiplex'
Prunus 'Ukon'
Prunus 'Umineko'
Prunus x blireana
Prunus x incam 'Okame'
Prunus x Schmittii
Prunus x subhirtella 'Autumnalis'
Prunus x surbhirtella 'Aumtumnalis Alba'
Prunus x surbhirtella 'Aumtumnalis Rosea'
Prunus x surbhirtella 'Fukabana'
Prunus x surbhirtella pendula 'Pendula'
Prunus x surbhirtella pendula 'Pendula Rubra'
Prunus 'Virginiana Schubert'
Prunus x yedoensis 'Shidare-Yoshino'
Prunus x yedoensis
Prunus x yedoensis Ivensii

All of those listed in the table above are available from UK nurseries and should be UK grown Which meets our climate and environment criteria but also reduces the risk of bringing in diseases which are threatening to find root in the UK.

The particular variety of Prunus recommended has been based on the following criteria, as well as to provide as wide a variety as possible:

- Space
- Location
- Exposure
- Use and nature of location
- Other species within the area
- Colour of flower
- Autumnal Interest
- Colour of leaf
- Colour and texture of bark

5ft – 6ft would probably be an optimum planting size as at that height they are generally mature enough to withstand some abuse but young enough to adapt more quickly to a new location and require less watering and care during their initial few years of planting. Going much larger would probably require ongoing regular watering over a year or two whereas this size of tree, planted in the late autumn may even fend for itself and only need watering in very dry periods over the first year.

Forms of Prunus that are more regularly planted may be cheaper to buy and going to a wholesale nursery or discussing a large order may result in a significant saving over online prices. The standard price online for trees between 5ft – 6ft is around £50, some are higher and others may be possible to buy at significantly less.