

8. Platinum Jubilee Copse

In March of this year, a number of young trees were planted by the Town Council's grounds team on Prior Park Road Field as a contribution to HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. They are a mixture of oak, rowan, birch and some native hedging shrubs. The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) is a unique tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 which invites people from across the United Kingdom to "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee".

Hopefully we can all take pleasure in watching them grow as the years go by and increase our enjoyment of Prior Park Fields

Did you know?

Oak trees can live for 1000 years, Yew trees can live for several thousand years but a Silver Birch will only last about 150 years.

There are three ways to find out how old a tree is.

1. The first is to cut it down and measure the annual growth rings in the trunk; but we can't do that to our old trees!
2. The second is to measure the girth (how big it is round the middle) at 1.5m (5') above the ground. You don't need the tape measure to do this. You can do it by hugging the tree. The average arm span is approximately equal to your height. An average adult 'tree hug' is 1.5 metres from fingertip to fingertip. Every 2.44m (8') of girth is about 100 years old for most trees. An Oak is called ancient at 400 years old so it would be about 6.5 hugs!
3. But the most accurate way of all is to know when the tree was planted!

