



## **Manor Fields Estate Limited (MFEL)**

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Dear Leaseholders

### **Garden Bulletin: Jubilee Tree**

The members of the Garden Committee have been considering the selection and planting of a tree to participate in the Queen's Green Canopy tree planting initiative to mark the occasion of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Stuart Kuhn, Garden Operations Manager, has been researching likely candidates, taking expert input from MFEL's arborist and a short list has been created of six trees. Selection criteria included identifying trees that are congenial to the existing trees and gardens, whose appearance will provide an attractive feature and which are most likely to flourish and resist disease. No tree or shrub can be guaranteed to flourish but we are taking the arborist's advice on best practice for planting and irrigation methods to enable the tree to establish well.

The chosen location is the north-east area of the main lawn as this is a prominent point for it to be seen by people entering and leaving the estate. It is also in an area where two ageing trees are situated and which, in time, will reach the end of their natural lifespan. The likely timing of the planning will be the autumn. A small plaque commemorating the occasion will also be installed.

We write to share the shortlist and to invite you to state your preference:

- Norway Maple
- Sugar Maple
- Black Walnut
- Dawn Redwood
- Scots Pine
- Cedar of Lebanon

You will see that the list comprises deciduous and non-deciduous (evergreen) trees. The advantage of non-deciduous trees is that they retain their foliage all year round. Deciduous trees provide colour but lose their leaves in the winter months.

The attached list provides information on the selected trees. We realise that not everyone will make the same choice but we wish to take account of preferences expressed. Please indicate your preference to: [garden@manorfields.co.uk](mailto:garden@manorfields.co.uk).

Over our estate's history, flat owners have donated or offered to fund, bulbs, plants, shrubs or trees for our gardens and some residents have already offered to do so this year. Of course, this is entirely voluntary but if you wish to participate in this way, please let us know by contacting: [garden@manorfields.co.uk](mailto:garden@manorfields.co.uk). This information will not be publicly shared.

Please remember that the tree finally selected is also governed by availability; the last few years have given market gardeners significant challenges in fulfilling quotas so the sooner we can place an order the better. We therefore ask for your feedback within three weeks from the date of this gardening bulletin.

Thank you for your interest in this celebratory initiative.

Kind regards

MFEL Garden Committee

Committee members are:

Graham Houston

Ann Uden

Valerie Ferguson

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