

SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL COMMUNITY TREE SCHEME

We know it's early in the year to be thinking about tree planting, but our Tree Scheme is soon going to be opening its doors for business once again. The scheme will open on **Monday 2nd July 2012**.

This year, in response to feedback received from previous participants, we are running the Tree Scheme on a ***first come - first served*** basis. This means that applicants who meet the criteria will be awarded all the trees and hedging transplants they request, subject to the maximum allowable limit of 100 trees and 60 hedging transplants per application. Once the total number of available trees has been reached we will close the scheme.

This system is much simpler for us to organise but it does mean that you will need to **get your application in good and early** to stand the best chance of success.

This year, thanks to the generous support of our sponsors Maelor Forest Nurseries, we can offer people the opportunity to purchase additional trees over and above the free ones, at favourable wholesale prices (plus a small administration and handling charge).

Full details of the Community Tree Scheme and the '**top-up**' option can be found through the Shropshire Council website, once the scheme opens. Feel free to contact the Tree Team for more information and advice; email: natural.environment@shropshire.gov.uk or tel: 01743 252564.

JUBILEE TREE PLANTING OPPORTUNITY

This is a gem of an idea (forgive the pun) to round off the Queen's diamond jubilee celebrations. Shropshire Council, in partnership with Shrewsbury Town Council, has secured funding through the government's **Big Tree Plant** project to supply and plant feature trees on public open space throughout Shropshire.

The trees will be available for the start of the coming planting season around late autumn, meaning it is still within jubilee year. The aim is to get at least one tree for every year of the Queen's reign, so **60 feature trees for 60 different locations around the county**.

The trees will be supplied as **standards** some 2 – 2.5m tall and can be more or less any species of your choice. Locations such as parks and gardens, village greens or even wide street verges could be acceptable. (Of course you will need the owner's permission if you don't own the land). The Council's tree team will be happy to provide any tree-related advice to help you choose the right tree for the right place.

If you like the idea of planting a commemorative tree then please contact Martin Sutton, County Arboriculturalist to find out more details and to register your interest; email: martin.sutton@shropshire.gov.uk or tel: 01743 252422.