

# Gates of Paradise planting plan



### Key to saplings

- A:** Apple (5 different varieties, matched for cross-pollination, that will do well on chalk.)
- B:** Aspen (for its beauty in the wind)
- C:** Cedar (for its biblical associations)
- D:** Cherry (5 different varieties with good fruit, one can be a sour cherry)
- E:** Forest pansy, *Cercis canadensis* (for beauty in the darker spaces on the south side of the track)
- F:** Guelder Rose (national flower Ukraine, UK native)
- G:** Holly (females with good berry-bearing)
- H:** Juniper (the UK native one, *communis*)
- I:** Mulberry (Black – no silk-making ambitions)
- J:** Pear (hardy varieties including wild pear)
- K:** Plum (vigorous shrubby varieties inc wild plum)
- L:** Pussy willow (for the beauty of its first blossom, and as an early pollen source, so ideally at least 3 male and at least one female)
- M:** Strawberry tree – *Arbutus unedo*
- N:** Whitebeam – *Sorbus aria*, the UK native one

### Key to whips

- 1:** *Berberis vulgaris* for its yellow flowers and orange berries
- 2:** *Buddleja alternifolia* for its late-season purple flowers beloved of butterflies
- 3:** Dog rose
- 4:** Elder, for its white flowers and black berries, not to make wands with
- 5:** Hawthorn for its early white flowers and red autumn berries (could include a couple with pinkish flowers)
- 6:** Hazel: nuts for squirrels
- 7:** Honeysuckle
- 8:** Hop
- 9:** Privet
- X:** Purging buckthorn (the food plant of the orange-tip butterfly. Also cures intestinal worms.
- Y:** Saskatoon (*Amelanchier alternifolia*)
- Z:** Spindle (*europaeus*)

## **Planting scheme**

**Overall theme:** “And out of the ground made the Lord God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food” as the bible describes Eden

**Overall principles:** To make the area a handsome start to one of the main paths from town to down, and a fitting memorial for our Queen. To plant five of each of 14 different saplings, 70 in all, one for each year of her reign. To fill in the gaps and provide for wildlife by planting 120 shrubs as ‘whips’ – year-old plants. If you sponsor a sapling or a whip, we will regard you as part-sponsor of each of that kind.

### **Main area next to Paradise Drive**

Looked at from the start of the path, a background of big trees (Cedar, Poplar and Whitebeam) fronted by fruiting trees and flowering shrubs, surrounding two young sycamore trees.

### **Small clump between the paths**

An existing but old hawthorn, to be supplemented with fruit trees and Berberis

### **Next to the garden walls**

Fruit trees and shrubs

### **On the dark side of the path, shaded by sycamore and ivy trees**

UK natives that are happy living as understory, with some Forest Pansy to brighten up the view in spring

### **And next?**

Add spring and summer flowers to complement the trees and shrubs

Satellite view

