

Community Planting Event goes brilliantly



The *Cercis siliquastrum* is described as truly a tree for all seasons. This tree species, otherwise known as the Judas tree, puts out a generous abundance of bright cerise pink blossoms in spring for a dazzling display. Set against a blue sky in spring, this tree is unrivalled for flower-power. In Summer lovely heart-shaped leaves appear on delicate branches and long bean-pod-like structures adorn the tree. Once Autumn comes, the leaves give off sunset-shades of red, again giving a dazzling display set against a September sky.

It has a well-structured framework of stems that can be fully appreciated in winter on crisp, bright days.

Prescot Town Council would like thank all those who took part in the Tree Planting Event on Carr Lane on Saturday. A mixture of local residents, members of the Friends of KGV Browns Field and Carr Lane Woods, Friends of Eaton Street Park, Pupils from Evelyn Primary School and local councillors joined the Mayor of Prescot in the planting of 50 *Cercis siliquastrum* along the boundary of Brown's Field and Carr Lane. Those in attendance were provided with some interesting Tree facts from Kevin Bushell and Son's Tree Services, who were on hand to lead the planting activities.

This was the final stage of a project which has seen the removal of the long standing Poplar Trees which had adorned the roadside for many years. Unfortunately, these trees had reached the end of their natural life and were at the point of becoming unsafe, indeed just days after they were felled, high winds blew down a healthy tree on the inside of the park which blocked the perimeter footpath.

The requirement to remove the trees has allowed the Town Council to develop a project that was able to engage with the community and involve them in the planting of the Town's new green infrastructure. Those involved on Saturday will be able to watch their tree grow over the years knowing that they have personally contributed to the enhancement of one of the main gateways into our Town.

