Proposed Planting - St. Michael's Church, Bracewell.





English Yew

Taxus baccata, known as English Yew, is a versatile evergreen native tree that is often grown as a hedge.

Incredibly long lived, it is often associated with churchyard planting and rejuvenates itself remarkably well if pruned hard in the early spring.

It is worth noting that every part of Yew is poisonous, apart from the red flesh of the berry female plants produce, to humans and animals. It is a common misconception that the entire berry is poisonous however, that said, we would still not advise you to eat them!

Like most evergreens it is not tolerant of waterlogged soils and thrives best on free draining lighter land.

Great for gardens, there are plenty of gardeners who use this adaptable tree for topiary or formal columns and cones.

Taxus baccata can grow on either acidic or chalky soils so long as they are well drained.

Mature height: 7-12m

Flowering Cherry

Prunus Accolade is a hybrid cross between Prunus sargentii and Prunus x subhirtella. This clone is a well known and proven variety that won the First Class Certificate in 1954, the RHS Award of Garden Merit in 1952 and the updated version in 2002.

Owing to its parentage, this tree is one of the first Ornamental Cherry trees to come into flower in the spring time, producing its prolific semi-double pink flowers very early in spring, when most of the horticultural world is still in winter mode. It can sometimes produce a few flowers over the winter time too, however tends to give its most reliable display in spring. Following the floral display, the leaves emerge, dark green and relatively small for a Cherry, the foliage can sometimes seem sparse compared to other cherries, however this is completely normal for this tree and in autumn, you will be treated to an attractive orange-red autumn display of foliage colour courtesy of its Prunus x sargentii parentage to balance this.

This Ornamental Cherry tree is a superb performer; it is tolerant of most soils that are well drained, including calcareous ones. At maturity this tree develops a rounded, spreading habit and forms a tree of medium size.

Prunus Accolade is great to bring vibrant colour and life to a potentially gloomy time of year and whilst this display is hard to question, it is best coupled with a tree which can offer a striking foliage display that will take the limelight during the summer period when the foliage of Prunus Accolade is less spectacular.





