

**Street trees update.....Clive Stevens..25.3.13**

At the January meeting, you kindly voted £4,630.64 of well-being money and £4,599.36 of S106 to add to private donations and some carry forward funds to enable the planting of 6 new high impact street trees.

Three of the locations were known and agreed with residents/traders (Redland/Cotham) but the other three were still to be given final locations (although the stretches of road are known; Gloucs Rd\* and Muller Rd). So a tree meeting was scheduled on 22 Feb to settle this.

We didn't meet because it was the Council's Street Tree Officer's last day and he didn't have time to see us. You can imagine my reaction, I have calmed down since, and having talked with Bev Knott, Andrew McGrath and Liz Kew decided to postpone these three locations until there is a new Street Tree Officer (I am told a one year contract has been approved for recruitment). This may delay these sites until 2014.

The three Redland/Cotham sites are continuing and will be funded by the 17 private donations (over £2,000) and the S106\*\* money.

3 trees = £6450, made up of S106 = £4599.36 and £1940.64 donations (held by RCAS).

The remaining 3 trees will use the wellbeing money and any remaining and new donations.

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\* Note – Not to be confused with the proposed replanting/upgrade of trees further down the Gloucester Rd (Promenade). See Gloucester Road report

\*\* Note - The S106 comes from the development at the top of Whiteladies' Road/Redland Hill. It must be used for tree planting in the "vicinity of the area" which has been explained by Jim Cliffe as to be the closest new trees to the development site.