**Zelkova serrata 'Village Green'**

- **Height**: 10 - 12 m
- **Crown**: vase-shaped, half-open crown
- **Bark and branches**: grey, slightly flaking trunk with orange-brown bast
- **Leaf**: ovoid to elongated, top tapered, soft green, 7 - 13 cm
- **Autumn colour**: yellow, orange, red
- **Flowers**: unremarkable, unisexual, monoecious, green, April/May
- **Fruits**: small bean-like fruit, 0.4 – 0.5 cm
- **Spines/thorns**: None
- **Toxicity**: usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
- **Soil type**: humus, moist, loamy
- **Leaf**: ovoid to elongated, top tapered, soft green, 7 - 13 cm
- **Paving**: tolerates paving
- **Winter hardiness zone**: 6a (-23.3 to -20.6 °C)
- **Wind resistance**: moderate
- **Other resistances**: resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6)
- **Application**: avenues and broad streets, parks, squares, tree containers, cemeteries, large gardens
- **Shape**: clearstem tree, multi-stem treem
- **Origin**: Princeton Nurseries, Allentown, New Jersey, USA, before 1964

American selection that grows more quickly at first than the species does, but later growth slows down. The crown of 'Village Green' remains lower and narrower than that of the species, approx. 10 - 12 m, with a width of 5 - 6 m. The grey bark is smooth at first, with pink to brownish orange lenticels, flaking off later to reveal the orange-brown bast underneath. The ovoid to elongated leaves are soft green and turn a bronzy red and orange-yellow in the autumn. The leaves are lighter green on the underside. The top is long and tapers to a point and the leaf edge has single teeth tapering to a point. 'Village Green' is unsusceptible to Dutch elm’s disease. Due to its slower growth and narrower crown, this cultivar is better suited than the species for streets and avenues.