

E148. TO RECEIVE AND NOTE THE MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND LEISURE COMMITTEE HELD ON 18 MARCH 2021

The Town Clerk provided Members of the Committee with an update on the actions listed on the action sheet attached to the minutes.

She advised that Balfour Beatty would like an example of what the banner would look like before agreeing. It was noted that the Administrative Officer would create some designs and forward these to councillors for discussion prior to sending to Balfour Beatty.

The Clerk also advised that now the Town Maintenance Operative was in place it was hoped that the telephone box on Bridge Street could be tidied up and adapted to host a defibrillator, book, and seed swap.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That the minutes of a meeting of the Environment and Leisure Committee held on 18 March 2021 be received and noted.**
- 2. That the Clerk writes to Herefordshire Council in an attempt to speed up the process.**

E149. RECREATION GROUND

Minutes of the Events Working Party on 28 April and 11 May 2021.

Members were asked to receive and note the minutes of the Events Working Party held on 28 April and 11 May 2021.

The Clerk updated members on the progress of the event that the council hope to be holding on the Recreation Ground on Saturday, 21 August 2021, named 'Reggae on the Rec'. The Administrative Officer had applied for the premises licence and was waiting to hear back from Herefordshire Council.

General Update on the following:

Shelter
Basketball Court
Football Pitch line marking
Benches

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The Clerk raised concerns that she had received from Councillor Whattler in respect of the colours chosen for the exterior of the shelter. She advised that the artist had advised that he was considering how the colours could be changed to lighten them. The Clerk advised that once the outside of the shelter had been completed anti-graffiti paint would be used to cover the designs.

The Clerk advised that she was in the process of obtaining quotes for the replacement of the base of the shelter, following damage having been done by fires being lit under the shelter.

The Clerk updated members on the above street furniture and football pitch, as well as the proposal to mark lines on the football pitch and replacement goal posts.

Members were provided with a design of a colourful bench that could replace a broken one in the Recreation Ground. The Clerk advised members that the bench will be made from recyclable material.

The Town Clerk advised members of an incident in the Basketball area over Easter weekend. The Clerk thanked a resident for cleaning the basketball pitch after the incident and for keeping her updated. She advised members that she has contacted the police to advise them of the incident.

RESOLVED:

1. That Members of the Environment and Leisure Committee receive and note the minutes of the Events Working Party held on 28 April and 11 May 2021.
2. That Members the Environment & Leisure Committee receive and note the update in respect of the Recreation Ground.

E150. CEMETERY

Friends of Cemetery

Members received a verbal update on the progress of starting a 'Friends of the Cemetery' group. The Clerk advised members that due to the significant amount of interest it was decided that the group would meet after 17 May when Government restrictions have been eased.

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Possible opening of Chapel for Candle Lighting

Due to the success of opening the Chapel for Christmas and being unable to open the chapel for Mother's Day and Father's Day the Town Clerk suggested that the council consider opening the chapel for NHS day on Monday, 5 July 2021.

It was noted that 5 July is a Monday and therefore staff would not be available to provide cover at the Chapel all day, therefore the Clerk asked if Councillors could help volunteer through the day. Both Councillor Manns and Chowns advised that they could help.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That the verbal update on the Friends of Cemetery Group be received and noted.**
- 2. That the verbal update on the possibility of opening the chapel for NHS day be received and noted.**

E151. TOWN TRAIL

Nina Shields advised members that herself and the Clerk had recently walked the Town Trail with Spencer Hogan and Fiona Miles from Herefordshire Council and Balfour Beatty. The purpose of the meeting was for Sustainable Ledbury Members to advise Spencer and Fiona how members would like to manage the trail if a licence to cultivate was granted to Ledbury Town Council.

Spencer Hogan had identified several areas that wildflowers could grow, he advised that changing the mowing routine would allow for a meadow to grow.

RESOLVED:

That Members of the Environment and Leisure Committee receive and note the verbal update from Nina Shields and the Town Clerk.

E152. FRITH & CONIGREE WOODS FOREST PLAN CONSULTATION

Members were provided with a Forest Plan Consultation of Frith and Conigree Woods.

Councillor Knight suggested that if members would like to make a comment, that they email the Town Clerk directly by Wednesday, 26 May 2021.

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Nina Shields advised members that she had shared the link to make comment on the consultation throughout her social media platforms.

RESOLVED: That Members of the Environment and Leisure Committee receive and note the update on the Forest Plan Consultation, noting that the Town Clerk will collate a response from members comments.

E153.

ENQUIRY IN RESPECT OF SLOW WAYS PROJECT

Members were provided with correspondence from the Chairman of the Windcross Paths Group in relation to the Slow Ways Project.

Nina Shields advised members that the correspondence could be discussed in the next Climate Change Working Party.

RESOLVED: That Members of the Environment and Leisure Committee receive and note the correspondence received from the Chairman of the Windcross Paths Group, noting that the correspondence be referred to the Climate Change Working Party.

E154.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED:

To note that the date of the next Environment and Leisure Committee is scheduled for 15 July 2021 subject to agreement at the annual meeting on 24 June 2021.

E155.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Chair and Clerk advised that the committee need to discuss the following items in a confidential session due to various points needing to be discussed having potential legal ramifications.

RESOLVED:

That in accordance with section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, in the public interest the press and public are excluded from the remainder of the meeting.

E156. MARKET HOUSE

The Clerk advised that she had hoped to have some information on quotes received in respect of works required to the Market House. However, she advised that she had forwarded two quotes to the council's architects for checking but as yet had not received a response.

Councillor Chowns asked for information on the repairs needed, the Clerk advised that she would forward a copy of the Quinquennial Survey to all committee members for the Market House and the Council Offices.

E157. WAR MEMORIAL

Councillor Knight advised that considerable work had gone into reviewing the processes employed with regard the works to the War Memorial.

The Clerk advised members of a number of issues that needed to be addressed and advised that Councillor Harvey had provided some suggestions on how the committee may wish to proceed in respect of the Memorial.

Members agreed that the suggestions provided by Councillor Harvey appeared to be a sensible approach and that the Clerk, Chair and Vice-Chair should meet with the Council's architects to discuss this further with a view to obtaining a more in-depth report to provide members with information on what is required to ensure the War Memorial is repaired to an acceptable condition.

Signed

Dated

The meeting ended at 8.45 pm.

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ENVIRONMENT AND LEISURE COMMITTEE

TASK TO DO

E95. (7)	That officers obtain quotes from at least three Christmas Lights suppliers for a three-year contract, 2021/24, for the supply and installation of Christmas lights in the town centre.	TC		Awaiting quotes	In Progress
E95. (8)	That once obtained, the Christmas Lights Working Party be requested to consider the quotes and make a recommendation to the Environment and Leisure Committee.	TC		Need to set up	In Progress
E104 (2)	That the Clerk continue to investigate the possibility of recycling banks being located within the town.	DTC			In progress
E115 (2)	That the Clerk obtain a valuation for the current market lease value in respect of the Mortuary.	DTC		Unable to get responses from more than one company - would suggest that Council take a decision to progress this with the quote provided	In progress
E125 (1)	That the Clerk be authorised to contact BBLP to establish whether it would be possible to mount banners to the lamp posts listed within the report.	TC		Designs to be provided by Community Development Officer	In progress
E125(3)	Once confirmation has been received from BBLP, The Clerk obtain quotes in respect of the banners and fittings and submit a report to a future Environment and Leisure Committee.	TC		See above	In progress
E135(2)	That members of the Environment and Leisure Committee agree that the Events Working Party meet with representatives of Rubicon UK in the future, noting that the repairs on the Skatepark are priority.	TC, CDO		Chaser email sent 08.07.2021 with regard event and what we need to refurb skate park	In progress

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E137(2)	That officers establish what information is in the other boards at Dog Hill Woods with a view to the same information being supplied in the damaged board.	AO			In progress
E137(3)	That the Clerk contact Herefordshire Council to investigate whether they have a department that could assist with the printing of a large-scale information notice.	AO		Department no longer in existence - further enquiries being made into possible options	In progress
E138(2)	That the Clerk liaise with Love Ledbury to ask whether a TC bike rack could be installed nearby.	TC			In progress
E139	That the Clerk be authorised to contact the council's current defibrillator supplier to confirm the cost to supply and install two new defibrillators in locked cabinets into two telephone kiosks.	TC		Following maintenance of both phone boxes red paint to be ordered and Defibs to be purchased from London Hearts to be considered	In progress

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Report prepared by Angela Price – Town Clerk

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide Members of the Environment & Leisure Committee with an update on several areas in relation to the recreation ground.

DETAILED INFORMATION

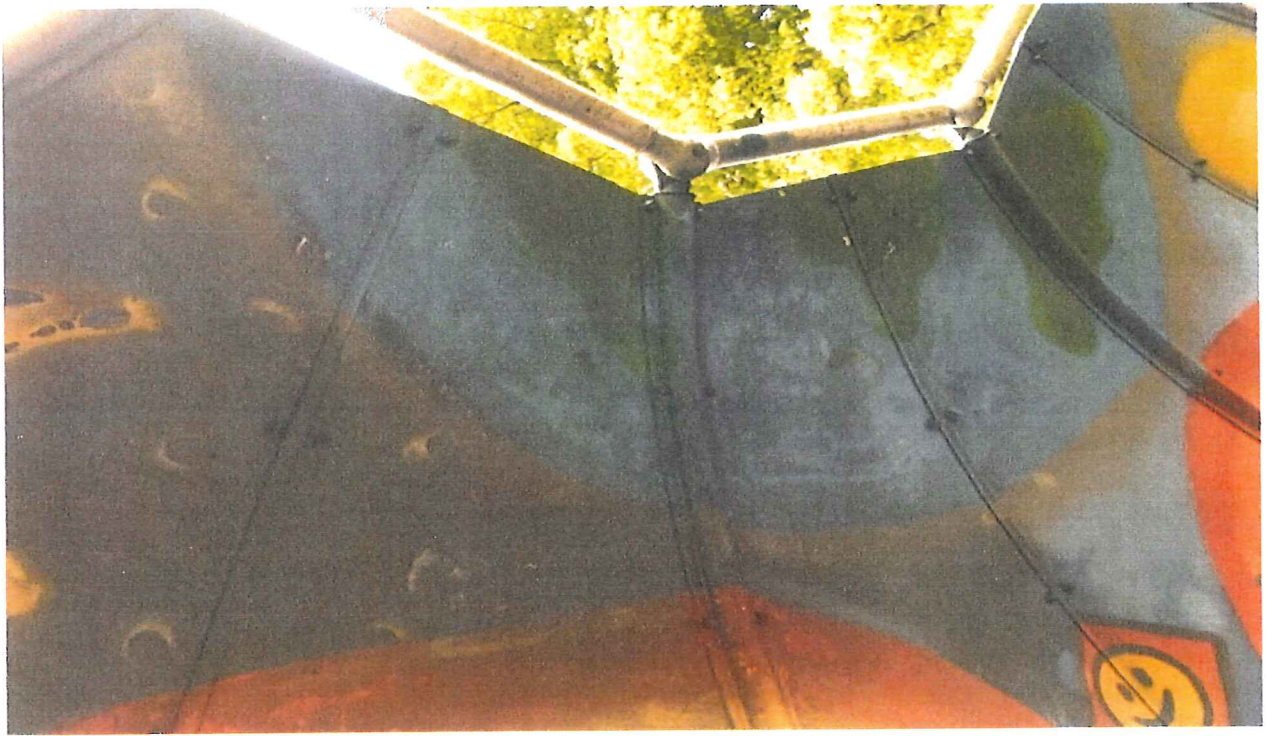
a. Shelter

As Members are aware on the evening on 6 July 2021 the Fire Brigade were called to the shelter at the recreation ground to extinguish a fire that had been started under the shelter. This was not the first time a fire had been lit under the shelter.

The grounds maintenance contractor and Town Clerk attended the site first thing the following morning to find the following:



It would appear that the perpetrators had purchased logs to assist the fire and it is believed that petrol had also been used as an accelerant.



View of the top of the shelter showing smoke damage.



Damage from previous incidents, quotes are being sought for this repair work.

As a result of the damage caused the Clerk contacted the Police to report the incident to ensure an incident number was obtained for insurance purposes.

The Clerk advised the Police that there is CCTV at the recreation ground, but that she had not yet had the opportunity to view this and advised that she would be doing this later on 7 July and would notify them of any images that could be used.

On the evening of 7 July the Clerk reviewed the CCTV footage and established that there had been two attempts at lighting a fire the previous evening. The first attempt did not appear to take however the second attempt showed a serious fire. The CCTV coverage provided images of the individuals at the shelter and some when leaving the area and these will now be forwarded onto the Police for further investigation.

The Clerk asked the Town Maintenance Operative to visit the shelter on 7 July to carry out a risk assessment and to establish whether the structure was safe. The Town Maintenance Operative advised that one of the support arms appeared to be damaged and as a consequence the Clerk contacted a company to discuss the issues and in order to ask whether they would be able to provide a more detailed inspection of the shelter.

The advice received was that if all the bolts and fixings were still in place and as they should be then the shelter should be safe enough, he advised that they are built to withstand a considerable amount of abuse. However, he did point out that if the joints at the bottom that the arms go onto were damaged it would be likely that these would need replacing and the structure being cordoned off until such time the repairs had been completed. Following the conversation the Clerk re-visited the site to take photographs of the centre arm joint, which is shown below.





It is clear from the pictures that there is an issue with the joint, the pictures have been forwarded to the specialists and they have advised that this does need to be repaired. However, he advised that he did not consider it necessary for the shelter to be cordoned off as the remainder of the shelter appears to be structurally sound.

Unfortunately, the company that the shelter was purchased from no longer exists, due to the owner having retired and these shelters are no longer being made. However, prior to his retirement he did provide contact details for the company that had taken ownership of any remaining parts should they be required. This company is based in Lincolnshire and therefore are some distance away. When discussing the issue of the damaged arm joint with them they advised that they would be happy to provide a quote for the cost to travel to Ledbury and make good the damage, alternatively they have advised that they could send the bolts and bolt keys to enable someone local to do the work.

The Town Maintenance Operative is a fully qualified engineer, and this may be something that they would be happy to take a look at, however the issue of access to the bolt needs to be considered carefully before committing him to undertake this repair. An update on this should be available at the meeting.

The rear of the shelter was due to be painted starting on 8 July, however a decision was taken to delay the painting for the moment. When speaking with the artist and explaining what had occurred he felt that it may be possible to clean some of the smoke damage from the top of the shelter and they have also offered to repair some of the artwork that has been damaged. He also advised that he and his colleague had been discussing how they could protect the artwork once

completed and he has suggested a method which would provide a varnish like coating to protect the artwork and allow cleaning in the future.

There is CCTV in operation at the recreation ground, and this has been used previously to identify the perpetrators, however as Members are aware the Clerk is in discussions with Hereford CCTV officers about linking the current CCTV system with the Hereford system for better coverage.

Following the various discussions in respect of the condition of the shelter the Clerk took the decision to cordon off the shelter until such time it is repaired, or a written statement can be received from the specialist in respect of the safety of the shelter in its current condition.

b. Basketball Court

Balfour Beatty agreed that as part of the Community programme they would mark out the basketball court at the recreation ground and this was due to have been carried out on 28 June in time for the summer holidays.

c. Benches

The Town Maintenance Operative (TMO) and Town Clerk recently visited the recreation ground to discuss which benches need to be replaced/refurbished at the recreation ground. The TMO has started work on painting the benches that will be remaining and the replacement works should start to take place over the next few weeks.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Members receive and note the above information in respect of the shelter and consider how they wish to proceed with regards the shelter and provide suggestions to the Clerk and Chair of the Committee to enable them to make a decision via delegated powers.
2. That Members of the Environment & Leisure Committee receive and note the information in respect of the basketball court and the benches at the recreation ground.

**LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING NOTES OF THE
CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING PARTY MEETING
HELD ON 28 JUNE 2021 AT THE MARKET HOUSE**

PRESENT: Councillor Chowns, Nina Shields (Chairman), Dilys Merry, Roger Davies

ALSO PRESENT: Community Development Officer – Olivia Bundy

CC.28 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Knight and Howells.

CC.29 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Councillors Only)

None received.

CC.30 TO RECEIVE AND NOTE THE MEETING NOTES FROM THE CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING PARTY HELD ON 1 MARCH 2021

RESOLVED: That the meeting notes from the Climate Change Working Party held on 1 March 2021 be received and noted.

CC31. INITIATIVES AND SCHEMES

Climate Emergency Centres

The Chairman, Nina Shields, advised members that many empty shops around the county have been converted into climate emergency centres and community hubs to benefit people and the planet.

The Community Development Officer advised members that she had attended a meeting with the grants officer at Herefordshire Council that day, and he had confirmed that Herefordshire may be able to provide funding for community groups to open pop up shops.

Nina Shield's suggested opening a 'swap shop' or 'café' that could benefit Ledbury whilst informing members of the public about the climate.

There were some concerns that staffing the shop or finding the volunteers could prove difficult. Councillor Chowns suggested a window display before and during the COP 26 event or hiring a venue to do a presentation. Nina suggested contacting Herefordshire Green Networking for marketing material.

The Community Development Officer advised members that they would more likely receive funding if they were to do a pop-up shop that would benefit the community. An example could be a coat swap for children and that if timed correctly, members could do a COP 26 window display.

Nina suggested contacting traders in Ledbury to ask whether they would be interested in dressing their windows during COP 26 week. The window display would be a climate change theme.

Refill App

Nina Shields reminded members how the “refill app works’ and advised that the app is supposed to encourage residents and visitors to refill their bottles as opposed to purchasing single use plastic.

Climate Change Blog

There was a discussion on whether the Council could create a climate change blog on the Ledbury Town Council website which would be managed by the Community Development Officer with input and help from members i.e. content.

Nina felt that the Climate Change blog would be a great opportunity to work with local schools. The Community Development Officer suggested a weekly diary where residents, schools, Councillors, and traders could share their thoughts and tips.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That a RECOMMENDATION be submitted to the Environment and Leisure Committee to explore the possibility of a pop-up shop, preferably in the High Street for the week before and during the COP 26, in order to promote public awareness and possibly arrange a swap shop, for example children’s winter coats swap.**
- 2. That a RECOMMENDATION be submitted to the Environment and Leisure Committee to promote the “refill app” with traders and supermarkets, and that Ledbury aims to become a refill town.**
- 3. That a RECOMMENDATION be submitted to the Environment and Leisure Committee to agree to facilitating a Climate Change blog on the Council website, in collaboration with schools and local organisations.**

CC.32 SLOW WAYS

Members were advised that Sustainable Ledbury would be working on the Slow Ways project and that they would keep the council updated accordingly.

RESOLVED: That the update on Slow Ways be received and noted.

CC.32 ACTION PLAN

Members were provided with an amended Action Plan and were advised that a traffic light system had been created to identify the Working Party's priorities.

Nina Shields asked whether Gareth Davies, Transport Geographer, could be invited to the next working party. The Community Development Officer advised that approval to extend an invitation should be sought from the Environment & Leisure Committee in the first instance, with a view to this being delegated to the Climate Change Working Party.

RESOLVED: That the update on Slow Ways be received and noted.

CC.33 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next three meeting dates of the Climate Change Working Party are scheduled for:

- Monday, 9 August 2021 at 6:00pm
- Monday, 4 October 2021 at 6:00pm
- Monday, 6 December 2021 at 6:00pm

The meeting ended at 7.15 pm

Signed: Date:
Chairman

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Report prepared by Olivia Bundy – Community Development Officer.

FRIENDS OF CEMETERY UPDATE

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to give members of the Committee an update on the first meeting of the Friends of Cemetery group.

Detailed Information

On Friday, 18 June 2021, the Community Development Officer met with a group of enthusiastic residents who volunteered to be a part of the Friends of Cemetery Group. The meeting was about introducing one another and identifying the needs of the Cemetery.

The following ideas/suggestions were discussed:

- Creating a garden of reflection with a scatter garden
- Avenue of Trees in the new section leading to scatter garden
- Opening the chapel for special events, held by volunteers.
- Introducing a planting scheme into the Cemetery, including potted plants
- Members to meet bimonthly at the Cemetery to weed paths, if needed
- Cutting back trees in the Cemetery to allow more light in some places
- Encouraging more wildlife into the Cemetery, in designated areas

RECOMMENDATION

Members of the Environment & Leisure Committee are requested to give consideration to the above suggestions made from the Friends of Cemetery group.

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Report prepared by Angela Price – Town Clerk

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to request that Members of the Environment & Leisure Committee give consideration to the setting up of a Christmas Lights Working Party as a matter of urgency.

Detailed Information

Three quotes have been received in respect of a new Christmas Lights contract. A working now needs to be established to review the quotes received and make a recommendation to the Clerk, and Chairs of both the Environment & Leisure and Finance, Policy & General Purposes Committee, and the Town Mayor. It is essential that this is done as a matter of urgency to ensure that the contract can be agreed and set up with the successful company so that Christmas Lights will be available in Ledbury in 2021.

Recommendation

That Members note that the Clerk will make arrangements for a Christmas Lights Working Party to be scheduled, and that any committee members wishing to participate on the Working Party contact the Clerk accordingly and that a recommendation be made from the Working Party for the Clerk, in conjunction with the Chairs of the Environment & Leisure and the Finance, Policy & General Purposes Committee and the Town Mayor to agree the preferred supplier in respect of a three-year Christmas Lights contract, under delegated powers as per the Council's Covid Standing Orders.

Friday, 14 May 2021

****UNDER STRICT EMBARGO – 0001 BST MONDAY 17 MAY 2021****

Official Launch of The Queen's Green Canopy: "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee"

His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales, Patron, has planted a tree to launch *The Queen's Green Canopy* (QGC) - a unique, UK-wide tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022, by inviting people to "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee."

Her Majesty The Queen joined The Prince of Wales for the first Jubilee tree planting in the grounds of Windsor Castle earlier this year, during the tree planting season.

The Prime Minister Boris Johnson today welcomed the QGC initiative which invites everyone to plant sustainably to create a national legacy in honour of The Queen's leadership over 70 years. He said: *"Our trees stand at the frontline of our fight against climate change and by sustaining our beautiful countryside for generations to come, The Queen's Green Canopy is a fitting tribute to Her Majesty's years of service to this country. I urge everyone to get involved and 'plant a tree for the Jubilee'."*

Everyone from individuals to Scout and Girlguiding groups, villages, cities, counties, schools and corporates will be encouraged to plant trees from October 2021 when the tree planting season begins, through to the end of the Jubilee year in 2022. The countdown to planting season begins today, giving people time to plan their planting projects.

As well as inviting the planting of new trees, *The Queen's Green Canopy* will highlight and showcase 70 amazing and irreplaceable Ancient Woodlands across the United Kingdom and identify 70 Ancient Trees to celebrate Her Majesty's 70 years of service.

The QGC project will also create a pilot training programme for unemployed young people aged between 16-24 through Capel Manor College, London's only specialist environmental college of which The Queen Mother was Patron, to plant and manage trees.

From October, all planting projects can be uploaded onto an interactive map on the new QGC website so that everyone can share and inspire others, as well as creating a green canopy of projects to cover the country.

The Prince's Jubilee tree was planted earlier this year in the grounds of Windsor Castle in March, during the official planting season (October-March). A photograph of Her Majesty and His Royal Highness with the tree has been released in support of *The Queen's Green Canopy* launch.

Today the QGC website has been launched www.queensgreencanopy.org which gives people information on how they can get involved.

The Environment Secretary, George Eustice, said: *“I want to encourage everyone to support the launch of The Queen’s Green Canopy. From individuals, schools, farmers, environmental groups and businesses, we want people to get involved, grow and protect our nation’s trees, and mark the Platinum Jubilee.*

Tackling the climate and biodiversity crises is a priority. Healthy and productive trees and woodland will play a crucial role in this – which is why we are committed to increasing tree planting across the UK to 30,000 hectares per year by the end of this Parliament, and investing millions of pounds to help deliver this through the ‘Nature for Climate Fund’.”

Tree planting season - October to March

The Queen’s Green Canopy will encourage everyone to learn more about the best way to plant trees so that they survive and flourish for years to come. Trees and hedgerows must be planted with care, at the right time of year, in the right place and with species that are not prone to prevailing tree diseases. The QGC initiative will encourage planting during the official planting season, October to March, to optimise the chance of trees surviving and flourishing.

People are encouraged to use the summer to plan their Jubilee tree planting projects and be ready for October.

Through our QGC Partner The Woodland Trust, schools and community groups will be able to apply for **three million free saplings**, available on a first come first served basis. Details will be outlined on www.queensgreencanopy.org from June, alongside expert advice from our partners about tree planting “best practice” – including where to plant and how to secure a healthy tree which is right for the location.

The planting of new trees across the United Kingdom may take the form of:

- **Individuals** planting trees on their private land.
- **Corporates and businesses** planting trees on their land and creating tree planting projects with employees.
- **Platinum Jubilee Community Planting** - projects for youth groups, Parishes, Residents Associations. Community groups can apply for free saplings from June through the QGC website, available on a first come first served basis.
- A **Platinum Jubilee Avenue** of medium-sized or large trees ideal for cities, large estates, new housing developments and parishes.
- A **Platinum Jubilee Copse** on private land or land allocated by the County or Council.
- A **Platinum School Tree**: all schools are encouraged to actively engage with the QGC. Schools may apply for free saplings through the Woodland Trust on the QGC website from June, available on a first-come-first served basis. In addition to this, the QGC will make contact with as many state schools in the UK as possible to arrange free trees through our partner organisations. The number of free trees available will depend on donations received. There is also an education hub on the QGC website which provides materials for schools.

The Queen's Green Canopy Map

A special interactive map has been created to track the Jubilee tree plantings, which is embedded within the QGC website. When planting season arrives in October, people will be able to upload images with their newly planted Jubilee trees on the QGC map.

The tree planted by His Royal Highness represents the first Jubilee tree on the QGC map, along with four foundation plantings by Royal Mail in England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

Donations

The Queen's Green Canopy is a not-for-profit initiative and money raised will be donated to deprived areas and urban schools through our QGC partner, Trees for Cities. The QGC will also offer people the opportunity to commemorate loved ones through the donation of a Jubilee tree.

The Queen's Green Canopy Partners

Collaboration is central to the QGC. We are proud to partner with the following charities, social enterprises and Government Departments to help us plant and protect trees across the UK.

Cool Earth

Cool Earth is the international climate charity working alongside communities living in the world's most threatened rainforest. Building on the successful Queen's Commonwealth Canopy (QCC) project, Cool Earth are the hosts of *The Queen's Green Canopy*, enabling the initiative through the provision of necessary infrastructure.

Chair of Natural England and Cool Earth Trustee, Tony Juniper CBE said:

"Expanding woodland and tree cover, with the right trees in the right place, is key to the recovery of the world's natural environment, including here in Britain. Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee marks an unparalleled moment to raise our ambition in that regard, harnessing Cool Earth's expertise to help do the job."

The Woodland Trust

The Woodland Trust is the largest woodland conservation charity in the United Kingdom, with over 500,000 supporters. The Woodland Trust works in support of a UK rich in native woods and trees for people and wildlife. In addition to sharing their expertise, the Trust has committed three million free saplings to schools and communities across the UK as part of the QGC initiative.

CEO of the Woodland Trust, Darren Moorcroft, said:

"There is no more fitting way to celebrate Her Majesty's Jubilee than through striving to increase and protect our native tree cover. The last year has emphasised the central role that trees and woods play in the life of the nation. We need more projects like this, giving people access to our natural heritage, opportunities to do something positive for the environment,

and helping to safeguard it for our children in the face of a combined climate and nature crisis."

The Royal Horticultural Society

Committed to inspiring a passion for horticulture, the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) is the UK's leading gardening charity. The launch of the QGC coincides with the start of the RHS's virtual Chelsea Flower Show. The RHS will also be supporting the QGC during the physical event in September. As Patron, The Queen typically visits the flower show alongside Members of the Royal Family.

Royal Horticultural Society Director General, Sue Biggs, said:

"It is wonderful to be involved in The Queen's Green Canopy, and we could not be more delighted that such a fabulous initiative is launching during RHS Virtual Chelsea week, when we normally hold the world famous RHS Chelsea Flower Show, which Her Majesty The Queen has visited so often.

The Queen has also planted many treasured trees at RHS Gardens over the years, and as the UK's gardening charity, we are very excited about helping and encouraging millions of gardeners to 'plant a tree for the Jubilee' over the autumn months."

Trees for Cities

Trees for Cities (TfC) is a national charity operating in towns and cities across the UK with the goal to create healthy, accessible, functional and resilient urban forests for today and for future generations. TfC will support the delivery of the QGC programme in urban areas, helping to target places of greatest social and environmental need.

Chief Executive of Trees for Cities, David Elliott, said:

"We are incredibly proud to be a partner of The Queen's Green Canopy initiative in celebration of The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022. By encouraging people to plant and protect urban trees as a legacy to Her Majesty's Service to the Nation, we hope to enable and inspire individuals and local communities across the UK to connect with nature and each other. Through this partnership, these trees will provide a multitude of benefits to local communities in our towns and cities and inspire a new generation of young people to plant trees that will not only survive but thrive for generations to come."

The Forest Canopy Foundation

The Forest Canopy Foundation (FCF) is made up of independent private sector forestry companies who manage an innovative scheme, combining public and private finance and landowner interest to achieve woodland planting that all can be proud of. The FCF will provide expert advice for companies wishing to participate in the QC initiative, particularly those who wish to do extensive planting.

Director of The Forest Canopy Foundation, Niel Nicholson, said:

"The Forest Canopy Foundation are delighted to partner with The Queen's Green Canopy. We will be providing advice and guidance to the Queen's Green Canopy on how to plant trees so that they survive and thrive, across the whole of the UK."

DEFRA

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) are the Government department responsible for safeguarding our natural environment, supporting our world-leading food and farming industry, and sustaining a thriving rural economy. Trees planted as part of the QGC initiative will contribute to the UK Government's tree planting and woodland creation commitments.

Chair of the Forestry Commission, Sir William Worsley, said:

"The value of trees to people and nature has never been clearer and at a time where we must do everything we can to not only tackle climate change, but also adapt to its impacts. I would urge everyone to pick up a spade and plant a tree for the jubilee. As the government's expert forestry advisors and proud carers of the nation's forests for over 100 years – we are hugely excited to support The Queen's Green Canopy."

Cavendish Group CEO, Mala Manku said:

"We're honoured at Cavendish to be working with you to mark both The Queen's outstanding contribution to sustainability and the skills gap that needs to be addressed to continue this important legacy. Together, this work will be an important step towards ensuring underprivileged groups are at the heart of the UK's ambitions to tackle the climate crisis, create green jobs and reskill parts of the workforce that need it most."

The Queen's Green Canopy Platinum Supporters

The QGC is grateful to be working with a select group of Founding Platinum Supporters: Royal Mail, Coutts, The John Lewis Partnership, Coupa and Rentokil Initial plc.

Royal Mail is the leading provider of postal and delivery services in the UK and the UK's designated universal postal service provider. As the Founding Platinum Supporter of The Queen's Green Canopy, **Royal Mail has planted four mature trees in each nation of the UK at four Royal Mail sites. The trees can be found at mail centres and delivery offices in Belfast, Portsmouth, Swansea and Glasgow.**

Royal Mail Chief Commercial Officer, Nick Landon, said:

"Royal Mail is the original postal service. For over 500 years we have taken the long view and continuously reinvented ourselves for the next generations. As the Founding Platinum Supporter of The Queen's Green Canopy, Royal Mail is incredibly proud to support this inspiring project which is creating a greener environment for generations to come. As part of this support we have planted four wonderful indigenous trees, one at a selected Royal Mail site in each UK nation, in celebration of Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee and for the enjoyment of all for many years to come."

Coutts Chief Executive Officer, Peter Flavel, said:

"We're proud to be a Founding Partner of The Queen's Green Canopy to commemorate Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee. The planting and protection of trees, in line with the 'right tree, right place, right reason' principle, is of paramount importance to combat climate change and rejuvenate communities, and we are delighted to support this initiative and play our part."

John Lewis Partnership Chairman, Sharon White, said:

"The Queen's Green Canopy is a fantastic way to support Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee. In a year when we're focused more than ever on nature and its importance to our lives, everyone at John Lewis and Waitrose is excited to be a founder member of the project. Working with our Partners, customers, suppliers and farmers, planting a tree for the Jubilee will be a privilege and helps improve our urban, suburban and rural landscapes."

Coupa Senior Vice President, Helen Trim, said:

"Coupa is honoured to be supporting The Queen's Green Canopy this year. Native woodland and trees are vital to helping fight climate change. It is essential that we all do our part to continue to plant and protect nature's natural carbon-removing and air-filtering resources to make a positive impact on the environment and our local communities."

Rentokil Initial plc CEO, Andy Ransom, said:

"On behalf of our colleagues and customers across the UK and the Commonwealth we are delighted to be a Founding Platinum Supporter of The Queen's Green Canopy. This is a wonderful way to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 and we are pleased to support the planting of trees in schools and urban areas."

Further Background

- Throughout Her reign, The Queen has planted more than 1,500 trees all over the world and has spoken alongside Sir David Attenborough of the importance of trees in the Earth's future.
- The QGC is a voluntary and inclusive initiative which is open to participation by everyone in the UK.
- The QGC is a symbolic gift which involves the voluntary dedication of forests and woodland – there is no land/title transfer.
- Planting trees and protecting forests are simple, cost effective ways to slow climate change, filter our air, enhance our communities and provide habitats for wildlife.
- The QGC is a not-for-profit initiative, which has not received Government funding.

QGC Website and social media channels

The QGC website www.queensgreencanopy.org and social media channels will go live on Monday 17 May, supported by a "takeover" of the Royal Family's Instagram stories. Please follow the QGC and the launch at these handles and hashtags:

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Twitter: @qgcanopy / @royalfamily / @clarencehouse

Facebook: @queensgreencanopy / @thebritishmonarchy

LinkedIn: @queensgreencanopy / @theroyalfamily

Hashtags: #queensgreencanopy #plantatreeforthejubilee #jubileetree #qgclaunch

The following information is provided for planning purposes – it is not for publication.

Notes to Editors

The following material will be released on Sunday 16th May, under strict embargo for 0001 Monday 17 May through the Royal Rota organisations.

- A photograph and broadcast footage of Her Majesty and His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales in the grounds of Windsor Castle with the first Jubilee tree. This will be available via Getty Images under the usual Royal Rota arrangements.
- A video message from His Royal Highness, Patron of The Queen's Green Canopy in support of the official launch.
- A photograph of The Queen's Green Canopy Map which features the first planting by HMQ and The Prince of Wales.
- A list of general facts about trees.

Further releases will follow on Monday 17 May with additional details about the QGC.

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OFFICIAL LAUNCH INFORMATION PACK

The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) is officially launching on Monday 17th May, as part of the Royal Horticultural Society's Virtual Chelsea Flower Show. Her Majesty The Queen is Patron of the RHS.

We are grateful to our network of partners and supporters who will be vital in helping to encourage people from across the United Kingdom to get involved in this exciting campaign to "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee".

We are grateful to our Patron, His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales, and The Royal Household who have provided some exclusive Royal content for the launch.

This pack provides an overview of the launch activities, the partner organisations that are involved with The Queen's Green Canopy, key messages and how you support and take part in the launch week across digital channels.

The contents of this information pack include the following:

1. Overview
2. The Queen's Green Canopy launch day / week
3. The QGC website and social media
4. Key messages
5. The Queen's Green Canopy Partners
6. The Queen's Green Canopy Platinum Supporters
7. FAQ

Overview

The launch of The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) will take place on Monday 17th May as part of the Royal Horticultural Society's Virtual Chelsea Flower Show. Her Majesty The Queen is Patron of the RHS.

The QGC is a unique, UK-wide tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022, by inviting people to "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee."

Everyone from individuals to Scout and Girlguiding groups, villages, cities, counties, schools and corporates will be encouraged to plant trees from October 2021 when the tree planting season begins, through to the end of the Jubilee year in 2022.

With a focus on planting sustainably, the QGC will encourage the planting of trees to create a legacy in honour of The Queen's leadership of the Nation, which will benefit future generations.

As well as inviting the planting of new trees, the QGC will dedicate a network of 70 Ancient Woodlands across the United Kingdom and identify 70 Ancient Trees to celebrate Her Majesty's 70 years of service.

Tree planting season - October to March

The QGC will encourage everyone to learn more about the best way to plant trees so that they survive and flourish for years to come. Trees and hedgerows must be planted with care, at the right time of year, in the right place and with species that are not prone to prevailing tree diseases. The QGC initiative will encourage planting during the official planting season, October to March, to optimise the chance of trees surviving and flourishing.

The countdown to planting season begins at the launch on 17th May. People are encouraged to use the summer to plan their Jubilee tree planting projects and be ready for October.

The Queen's Green Canopy Map

From October, all planting projects can be uploaded onto an interactive map on the new QGC website so that everyone can share and inspire others, as well as creating a green canopy of projects to cover the country. The map is embedded within the QGC website.

Donations

The QGC is a not-for-profit initiative and money raised will benefit deprived areas and urban schools primarily through our QGC partner, Trees for Cities. The QGC will also offer people the opportunity to commemorate loved ones through the donation of a Jubilee tree.

Get Involved

The planting of new trees across the United Kingdom may take the form of:

- **INDIVIDUALS** planting trees on their private land.
- **CORPORATES** and businesses planting trees on their land and creating tree planting projects with employees.
- **PLATINUM JUBILEE COMMUNITY PLANTING** - projects for youth groups, Parishes, Residents' Associations etc.
- **A PLATINUM JUBILEE AVENUE** of medium-sized or large trees ideal for cities, large estates, new housing developments and parishes.
- **A PLATINUM JUBILEE COPSE** on private land or land allocated by the County or Council.
- **A PLATINUM SCHOOL TREE** – all schools are encouraged to actively engage with the QGC. Schools may apply for free saplings through the Woodland Trust on the QGC website from July. These are available on a first come-first served basis. In addition to this, the QGC will make contact with as many state schools in the UK as possible to arrange free trees through our partner organisations. The number of free trees available will depend on donations received. There is also an education hub on the website which provides materials for schools.

The Queen's Green Canopy Launch – Monday 17th May

The QGC launch will feature exclusive Royal content which will be released to the media and across the social media channels under embargo for Monday 17th May.

The QGC website and social media channels will go live on the morning of Monday 17th May, with a QGC "takeover" of the Royal Instagram Channel – please see below further details.

The QGC Chairman, Sir Nicholas Bacon, former President of the RHS will speak to Alan Titchmarsh during Virtual Chelsea to introduce the QGC. You can watch the clip here: <https://www.rhs.org.uk/shows-events/virtual-chelsea>

On Tuesday 18th May, the QGC Ambassadors will be announced, alongside other information about activities and themes of the campaign. Messages of support for the launch will be released on social media channels.

The Queen's Green Canopy website and social media channels

The new QGC website will go live to coincide with the official launch: www.queensgreencanopy.org

The QGC social media channels will also go live supported by a "takeover" of the Royal Family's Instagram stories. Please follow the QGC and the launch at these handles and hashtags:

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Twitter: [@qgcanopy](https://twitter.com/qgcanopy) / [@royalfamily](https://twitter.com/royalfamily) / [@clarencehouse](https://twitter.com/clarencehouse)

Facebook: [@queensgreencanopy](https://www.facebook.com/queensgreencanopy) / [@thebritishmonarchy](https://www.facebook.com/thebritishmonarchy)

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Hashtags: [#queensgreencanopy](https://twitter.com/hashtag/queensgreencanopy) [#plantatreeforthejubilee](https://twitter.com/hashtag/plantatreeforthejubilee) [#jubileetree](https://twitter.com/hashtag/jubileetree) [#qgclaunch](https://twitter.com/hashtag/qgclaunch)

We encourage our partners and supporters to re-share and retweet our posts, especially during the launch week as the channels get established. Please see below suggested posts for use across various channels.

Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn

Post a)

We are proud to support the @QueensGreenCanopy, a UK-wide tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 inviting everyone to #PlantATreeForTheJubilee 🌳

Everyone from individuals to scout and girlguiding groups, villages, cities, counties, schools and corporates will be encouraged to plant trees from October 2021, when the planting season begins



The countdown to planting season begins today! Visit queensgreencanopy.org to discover how to get involved! 🌱 #QueensGreenCanopy

Post b)

What kind of Jubilee tree will you plant? 🌳

We're delighted to be supporting @QueensGreenCanopy, a unique tree planting initiative launching today to celebrate Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 🌳

With a focus on planting sustainably, the QGC will create a legacy in honour of The Queen's leadership of the Nation, which will benefit future generations 🌍

Learn more at queensgreencanopy.org 🌱 #QueensGreenCanopy

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Post c)

Did you know The Queen has planted over 1500 trees during Her reign? 🌲

As well as planting new trees, the @QueensGreenCanopy will dedicate a network of 70 #AncientWoodlands across the UK and identify 70 Ancient Trees to celebrate Her Majesty's 70 years of service.

#QueensGreenCanopy #PlantATreeForTheJubilee

Visit queensgreencanopy.org for more info 🌳

Twitter

Post a)

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Follow the @QGCanopy and visit queensgreencanopy.org to discover how to get involved! 🌲

Post b)

What kind of tree will you plant? 🌳

We're delighted to be supporting The @QGCanopy, a tree planting initiative launching today to celebrate Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 🌲

Learn more at queensgreencanopy.org

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Did you know The Queen has planted over 1500 trees during her reign? 🌲

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Key messages

- Delighted to support the official launch of **The Queen's Green Canopy – the QGC** - a unique tree planting campaign created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022.
- This unique initiative invites everyone from all corners of the United Kingdom to **"Plant a Tree for the Jubilee"** in honour of The Queen's 70 years of service to this Nation
- Everyone from individuals to Scout and Girlguiding groups, villages, cities, counties, schools and corporates will be encouraged to plant trees from **October 2021** when the tree planting season begins, through to the end of the Jubilee year in 2022.
- The **countdown to planting season** begins today and will start in 18 weeks and three days, giving people time throughout the summer to plan their planting projects and get planting in October.
- The Queen's Green Canopy will focus on **planting sustainably** - trees and hedgerows must be planted with care, at the right time of year, in the right place and with species that are not prone to prevailing tree diseases.
- As well as planting new trees, **The Queen's Green Canopy** will dedicate a network of **70 Ancient Woodlands** across the United Kingdom and identify **70 Ancient Trees** to celebrate Her Majesty's 70 years of service.
- Planting trees and protecting forests are simple, cost effective ways to slow climate change, filter our air, enhance our communities and provide habitats for wildlife.

The Queen's Green Canopy Partners

Collaboration is central to the QGC. We are proud to partner with the following charities, social enterprises and Government Departments to help us plant and protect trees across the UK.



Cool Earth

Cool Earth is the international climate charity working alongside communities living in the world's most threatened rainforest. Building on the successful Queen's Commonwealth Canopy (QCC) project, Cool Earth are the hosts of The Queen's Green Canopy, enabling the initiative through the provision of necessary infrastructure.



The Woodland Trust

The Woodland Trust is the largest woodland conservation charity in the United Kingdom, with over 500,000 supporters. The Woodland Trust works in support of a UK rich in native woods and trees for people and wildlife. In addition to sharing their expertise, the Trust has committed three million free saplings to schools and communities across the UK as part of the QGC initiative.



The Royal Horticultural Society

Committed to inspiring a passion for horticulture, the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) is the UK's leading gardening charity. The launch of the QGC coincides with the start of the RHS's virtual Chelsea Flower Show. The RHS will also be supporting the QGC during the physical event in September. As Patron, The Queen typically visits the flower show alongside Members of the Royal Family.



Trees for Cities

Trees for Cities (TfC) is a national charity operating in towns and cities across the UK with the goal to create healthy, accessible, functional and resilient urban forests for today and for future generations. TfC will support the delivery of the QGC programme in urban areas, helping to target places of greatest social and environmental need.



The Forest Canopy Foundation

The Forest Canopy Foundation (FCF) is made up of independent private sector forestry companies who manage an innovative scheme, combining public and private finance and landowner interest to achieve woodland planting that all can be proud of. The FCF will provide expert advice for companies wishing to participate in the QC initiative, particularly those who wish to do extensive planting.



DEFRA

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) are the Government department responsible for safeguarding our natural environment, supporting our world-leading food and farming industry, and sustaining a thriving rural economy. Trees planted as part of the QGC initiative will contribute to the UK Government's tree planting and woodland creation commitments.

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Frequently Asked Questions

1. Who is running the QGC?

The Queen's Green Canopy is an independent initiative led by an Executive Team drawn from individuals seconded from across Government and the charity, Cool Earth. The Chief Executive is Colonel Dan Rex MVO. The Chairman of the QGC Board is Sir Nicholas Bacon.

2. How do I get involved?

All information about how to get involved will be available on The Queen's Green Canopy website, which will go live on May 17th. This will include how to apply for free trees and saplings for schools, to planting advice for planting a large special tree in your community.

3. How many trees will be planted for The Queen's Green Canopy?

The goal is to plant many trees well in celebration of the Platinum Jubilee. The emphasis is on quality not quantity. It is expected that each county will have at least one significant planting e.g. a new Platinum Jubilee Avenue or a new woodland or copse in Her Majesty's name, in addition to multiple single tree plantings through the country.

3. Do I have to buy a tree?

As part of the QGC, The Woodland Trust will be providing saplings free of charge to schools and communities on a first come-first served basis. Information on how to apply for saplings will be available on the QGC website from July. Individuals hoping to plant a tree will need to purchase a tree or a sapling and there is advice on how to do this on our website.

If you would like to be involved with The Queen's Green Canopy, but don't wish to plant your own tree, please visit our Donate page. There you can "Gift a tree for the Jubilee" by contributing to two different causes: Trees for cities and schools; and Trees in Memoriam.

4. Do both public and private schools have access to the free trees?

All schools are encouraged to actively engage with the QGC. The QGC will make as many free trees as possible available to state schools, depending on the level of donations received, through our partner organisations. All schools are able to apply for free saplings from the Woodland Trust on a first-come-first served basis from July through the QGC website.

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5. If my trees are part of the QGC does this grant the public access to the land?

No, these trees will not be subject to any access requirements. Where possible we do encourage landowners to enable everyone to enjoy the QGC woodland, but this is optional.

6. How will the trees be maintained?

All participants are asked to comply with the campaign's goals to plant healthy trees in line with recommendations in our 'protect' section on our website so that they thrive and grow to maturation.

The organisation or individual planting the tree is responsible for watering and caring for the trees as they grow. If you plan to plant a large woodland then we advise a 25-year management plan. Please do get in touch with our partner the Forest Canopy Foundation for advice.

7. How will plaques be obtained and what will they cost?

Later in the year, the QGC website will provide a list of suggested plaque suppliers, offering a range of QGC plaques at various costs. If you have a local supplier you wish to use a template will be available to download. All plaques will include the same wording and logo in the same style and we ask that you do not deviate from that style.

8. Can I get Carbon Credits from my QGC planting?

In some cases, yes. If you have your own land to plant on then you can claim the carbon credits from the trees you plant there. If you decide to team up with one of our expert tree planting organisations and fund their tree planting, this is something that would have to be negotiated with your tree planting delivery partner. It will depend on a case-by-case basis.

9. Why are you focusing on urban areas?

Forestry Research has done extensive research on the benefits of urban trees. An urban woodland will commonly; take in carbon dioxide from the air, provide stormwater regulation to stop flooding and help mitigate noise. Individual trees on streets also have benefits; they also capture carbon, help regulate stormwater and even help regulate the temperature in an area. Research is increasingly showing that being close to nature is positive for mental health and trees often provide areas for education and communities to come together.

10. Do I have to plant native trees to be part of the QGC?

No, the trees do not need to be native to be part of the QGC. It is very important however that you plant the right trees, in the right place. See our tree planting guidance on the 'Plan' section of our website for advice on this.

11. How much land do I have to have?

The Queen's Green Canopy would like to encourage everyone from across the United Kingdom to get involved with the initiative. This ranges from individuals planting a tree in their garden to landowners planting future forests. As such, there is no minimum land requirement to get involved however we suggest that you following the planting advice about the space required for each type of tree.

Please see our Frequently Asked Questions on our website for more information.

THE QUEEN'S GREEN CANOPY LAUNCH IN HEREFORDSHIRE

As well as being a national project, The Lieutenancy of Herefordshire is supporting The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) initiative locally. This will be rolled out across Herefordshire and beyond, during the next planting season from October 2021 until March 2022, or later depending on tree supplies.

As the official press release attached to the email, indicates this will be a long-lasting and valuable way to mark The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022. The Lieutenancy and Herefordshire Council are keen to help ensure that as many trees as possible are planted for the Canopy in Herefordshire. This well-conceived campaign will encourage the choice of healthy native trees that will thrive in their environments.

James Hervey-Bathurst CBE DL, Chair of The Queen's Green Canopy in Herefordshire, commented, "We will shortly be contacting local councils, schools, churches, businesses, charities, other groups and individuals across the county to encourage all to respond to the opportunity to create an impressive legacy to honour The Queen's long reign and leadership of the nation. For those who wish to support the Canopy financially they can donate to the Herefordshire Community Foundation via a specially set up page which will help fund the purchase of trees:

<https://www.herefordshirecf.org/the-queens-green-canopy-tree-project/>

Edward Harley OBE, Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Herefordshire, said "The Queen's Green Canopy is a wonderful way to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee, which celebrates a remarkable 70 years on the throne – the longest of any monarch in this country. This initiative will promote the importance of trees for the environment in a sustainable and relevant way and, it is hoped, thousands of trees will be planted across the county. There will be guidance for all interested parties, from budding silviculturists to experts, on the best trees and where to plant them. We hope many individual trees will be planted, but also that more ambitious schemes may include new woodlands and avenues".

Sebastian Bowen, Chairman of Herefordshire Council, said: "Planting trees to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 will be a wonderful legacy for the county of Herefordshire. This

community initiative of planting trees in public spaces will be a proper memorial to the Queen's long reign, and something for our county to enjoy and celebrate for years to come."

It is hoped that as many people as possible will be able to support this inclusive and far-reaching initiative.

Notes for the editor:

Full information pack from The Queen's Green Canopy-see attachment to this email.

Contact Herefordshire Lieutenancy lieutenancy@herefordshire.gov.uk for more information

The Queen's Green Canopy in Herefordshire is being chaired by James Hervey-Bathurst CBE DL.

If individuals are unable to plant a tree themselves but would like to help in this initiative, donations can be made via the **Herefordshire Community Foundation** where a special page has been set up. <https://www.herefordshirecf.org/the-queens-green-canopy-tree-project/> or email ceo@herefordshirecf.org 01432 272550

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To find out more, please see:

[The Queen's Green Canopy \(queensgreencanopy.org\)](http://queensgreencanopy.org)

Or to find out more about what we are doing in Herefordshire there is a page on

www.herefordshirelieutenancy.org.uk

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Report prepared by Angela Price – Town Clerk

DOG HILL WOODS – WOODLAND MANAGEMENT PLAN

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to provide Members with an update on the progress in respect of a new Woodland Management Plan in respect of Dog Hill Woods.

Detailed Information

Members will recall that at the last meeting of the Environment & Leisure Committee it was agreed that the Clerk should obtain quotes in respect of a new Woodland Management Plan in respect of Dog Hill Woods.

Following that meeting the Clerk contacted a number of companies to ask if they would be able to provide quotes for a Woodland Management Plan, however only one has advised that this is something they could assist with.

To assist the company with the preparation of their quote the Clerk and Councillor Manns met with them at Dog Hill Woods and a quote has now been received from them.

The Clerk has also been looking into possible grant funding for the Management Plan and is currently investigating the requirements for a government grant for this, with a view to make an application. This grant offers up to £1,000 for Woodland Management Plans which would be sufficient to cover the cost of the quote received.

However, Members need to consider whether they wish the Clerk to pursue other companies in respect of quotes before any decision is made.

Recommendation

That Members discuss how to proceed with regards a new Woodland Management Plan, noting that the Clerk is seeking to apply for grant funding and that the Clerk, in conjunction with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee, agree a way forward under delegated powers following that discussion.

