

## **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.

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.

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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](mailto:ceo@herefordshirecf.org) 01432 272550

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[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](http://www.herefordshirelieutenancy.org.uk)