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THE QUEEN'S GREEN CANOPY – 10,000 TREES FOR NATIONAL TREE WEEK 2021

27th November - 5th December

The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) will unveil two key initiatives during National Tree Week this month – a community led project to plant 10,000 trees in Bradford, and the launch of a QGC "Champion Cities" initiative.

On Saturday, 27th November at Newhall Park in Bradford, the QGC will come together with the local community, schools and voluntary groups of all ages **to plant 10,000 trees** as part of the Council's "Tree for Every Child" programme. Working in partnership with Trees for Cities and the City of Bradford Metropolitan Council, the QGC is continuing its programme to support urban greening in areas of high socioeconomic deprivation and low canopy cover.

Further details will be announced closer to the time. This follows the successful delivery of the QGC's first urban greening project in Tower Hamlets in October. The QGC and Trees for Cities will deliver projects in all four nations of the UK as part of the Platinum Jubilee year.

The QGC will also launch a "Champion Cities" initiative with **Greater Manchester** and **Leicester** hosting community events on the 4th and 5th December, to highlight the leadership, dynamism, and influence of some of the nation's outstanding cities which have trees and woodland as a central part of their plans for green spaces.

Other UK cities which have been awarded QGC "Champion" status so far include **Belfast, Cardiff, Chester, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Newcastle, Preston, Swansea, Southampton, Worcester and York.**

The QGC looks forward to hosting events to celebrate each Champion City in due course.

Background

As part of its work to highlight urban greening initiatives, the QGC invited cities from across the United Kingdom to apply for "Champion City" status. The initiative seeks to celebrate UK cities which have trees and woodlands as a central part of their plans for green spaces, for example in the form of a dynamic green recovery plan or green city charter, as well as community-oriented environmental projects.

Through plans to plant three million trees, **Greater Manchester** has set an ambitious target of being carbon neutral by 2038. The city has developed strong green infrastructure coordination across the 10 Greater Manchester districts, which include some of the most socioeconomically deprived regions in the country.

Leicester City Council's commitment to maintaining and replenishing its 153,000 trees and 109 hectares of woodland is set out in its Tree Strategy. The council plans to plant more than 7,500 trees during this autumn/winter planting season, supported by its volunteer tree wardens and dozens of community volunteers.

The Queen's Green Canopy

The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) is a unique tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 which invites people from across the United Kingdom 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 play their part to enhance our environment by planting trees during the official planting season between October to March. Tree planting will commence again in October 2022, through to the end of the Jubilee year.

With a focus on planting sustainably, the QGC will encourage tree planting 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 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.

By inviting everyone to plant considerable numbers of new trees throughout the country, the QGC seeks to highlight the significant value of trees and woodlands as nature's simple but highly effective way to clean the air we breathe, slow the impact of climate change, create important wildlife habitats and improve our general health and wellbeing.

- 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.
- The QGC is a not-for-profit initiative, which has not received Government funding.

Further information about the QGC is available: www.queensgreencanopy.org

The Queen's Green Canopy Partners

Collaboration is central to the QGC. We are proud to work with our partners **Cool Earth, The Royal Horticultural Society, The Woodland Trust, Trees for Cities, The Forest Canopy Foundation and DEFRA, The Tree Council, The Conservation Volunteers and the Community Forest Trust.**

The Queen's Green Canopy – Platinum Supporters

The QGC is grateful to be working with a select group of Platinum Supporters: **Royal Mail Group, Coutts, John Lewis & Partners, Waitrose & Partners, Rentokil Initial, Coupa, Regatta and Craghoppers, Bridgepoint, Howdens, Johnnie Walker, McDonald's UK & Ireland.**

We are also pleased to be working with **Bags of Ethics by Supreme Creations as an Official Supporter.**

The Queen's Green Canopy – QGC Friends Network

A diverse collection of groups located across the UK, our Friends Network is supporting the QGC, from planting trees to helping inspire the nation to get involved.

Capel Manor College	National Trust
Country Land & Business Association (CLA)	National Trust for Scotland
Clyde Climate Forest	Natural England
Commonwealth War Graves Commission	Natural Resources Wales
Community Woodlands Association (CWA)	National Farmers Union Scotland
DAERA NI	Royal Botanic Gardens, Edinburgh
Earthwatch Europe	Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew
Eden Project	Royal Forestry Society
EDT Industrial Cadets	Royal Scottish Forestry Society
English Heritage	Royal Warrant Holders Association
Forestry and Land Scotland	Scotland's Finest Woods Awards
Forestry Commission	Scottish Forestry
Green Action Trust	Scottish Land & Estates
Historic Houses	SUGi
HighGround	The Crown Estate
Horticultural Trades Association (HTA)	The National Forest
National Association of Civic Officers (NACO)	The Royal Parks
National Farmers Union (NFU)	The Wildlife Trusts
	Welsh Government

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Notes to Editors

Further details about the events and timings for the media will be announced in coming weeks.

Please contact Marnie Gaffney at The Queen's Green Canopy in the meantime.

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