

PRESS RELEASE: Jubilee tree planting event in Brighton

Forgotten Places: Greening Coastal Towns and Cities

A tree planting ceremony and community event in Brighton on Thursday, February 24, will mark The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Bristol Estate residents are taking part in an event in support of The Queen's Green Canopy - an initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee by inviting people from across the UK to 'Plant A Tree for the Jubilee'.

The event is being organised by Bristol Estate Leaseholders & Tenants Association (BELTA), supported by CPRE Sussex, Trees for Cities and Brighton & Hove City Council.

CPRE Sussex director Brian Kilkelly said: "We are thrilled to help Bristol Estate residents mark The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. These new trees are an important step in the greening of this urban area."

The day will begin with a ceremonial Jubilee tree planting at 11am by BHCC contractors.

Residents will then be invited to plant a second Jubilee tree, guided by tree planting experts.

There will also be stalls and ideas from residents about further greening of the estate.

The Jubilee tree planting event is expected to last two to four hours.

If the weather is bad, stalls will be moved to the Bristol Estate Community Room.

Anyone interested in taking part in the tree planting can meet outside the Apple block of flats on Bowring Way from 11am.

The trees being planted are Hawthorn and Hop Hornbeam.

Thursday's event is part of a wider programme of planting taking place across Brighton & Hove for the Trees for Cities' Forgotten Places project.

In 2021, CPRE Sussex's Plant your Postcode volunteers, supported by Brighton & Hove City Council's Arboriculture team and Hove Civic Society, made a successful bid to take part in Forgotten Places.

In total, the project will see £1.2m of funding to plant 55,000 trees across seven coastal towns and cities. Funding was developed by Defra as part of the Government's Green Recovery



Challenge Fund. It is being delivered by The National Lottery Heritage Fund in partnership with Natural England, the Environment Agency and Forestry Commission.

Trees for Cities is working with the Field Studies Council, Treeconomics, Forest Research and local partners to deliver this project. The project is also part of The Queen's Green Canopy.

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About CPRE Sussex

CPRE Sussex is the local branch of CPRE, working for a countryside that's rich in nature, accessible to everyone and responding to the climate emergency. We want sustainable, vibrant communities in the Sussex countryside. We believe that good land-use planning is the unsung hero of environmental protection. It can help slow the growth in road traffic, encourage urban regeneration, curb urban sprawl, protect the beauty and tranquillity of the countryside and safeguard wildlife habitats.

About Defra – Green Recovery Challenge Fund

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About Trees for Cities

Trees for Cities is the only UK charity working at a national and international scale to improve lives by planting trees in cities. We get stuck in with local communities to cultivate lasting change in their neighbourhoods – whether it's revitalising forgotten spaces, creating healthier environments or getting people excited about growing, foraging and eating healthy food.

About the Field Studies Council

Field Studies Council (FSC) is an environmental education charity committed to helping people, discover, explore, understand and be inspired by the natural world. Its network of centres provides day and residential courses for all ages from young children to retired adults from schools and communities throughout the UK. They also run a range of natural history courses both online and across the UK to encourage adults to take their first steps and continue their

learning in the environmental sector. It also reaches many others through its publications and community-based programmes and is the leading UK provider of identification guides.

About Treeconomics

Treeconomics works to understand how trees improve our urban spaces, making them better places to live. We aim to demonstrate that trees are part of the solution for many of our urban problems – be that air pollution, climate adaptation, crime, or manifold others. With towns and cities housing the largest populations of people, our Urban Forests hold the greatest potential to improve health and wellbeing, and stand at the frontline against Climate Change.

About Forest Research

Forest Research is Great Britain's principal organisation for forestry and tree-related research and is internationally renowned for the provision of evidence and scientific services in support of sustainable forestry.

About 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 planting of trees to create a legacy in honour of The Queen's leadership of the Nation, which will benefit future generations.
<https://queensgreencanopy.org/>



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