

## **PRESS RELEASE: Community comes together for Woodingdean tree planting**

### ***Forgotten Places: Greening Coastal Towns and Cities***

Woodingdean residents came together on Thursday (March 17) for a community tree planting.

Six stone pine were planted on Bexhill Road – three at the junction of Langley Crescent and three at the junction of Laughton Road.

The planting was coordinated by CPRE Sussex as part of the Forgotten Places project.

Jenni Cresswell from CPRE Sussex said: “These trees will go some way to increasing the canopy cover and improving air quality and biodiversity. Planting trees helps communities come together to value their local area and make a lasting change for the future.”

Stone pine are slow growing and resilient making them ideal for Woodingdean’s chalky, coastal conditions.

Volunteers who took part on the day said it was great to be ‘hands on’ from the beginning and commented on how friendly the resident tree experts were.

The next community tree planting event takes place in Portslade on Thursday, March 24, from 10.30am. Tree planting experts will be on hand to give advice on how to help trees get the best start and thrive.

It is free to attend but places should be booked via [eventbrite.co.uk/e/community-tree-planting-portslade-tickets-291377908167](https://eventbrite.co.uk/e/community-tree-planting-portslade-tickets-291377908167) for health and safety reasons.

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, run by Trees for Cities, 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, and local residents will get the chance to mark Her Majesty’s Platinum Jubilee in 2022 by inviting people to ‘Plant a Tree for the Jubilee’.

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#### **Notes for editors:**

##### **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 Treconomics**

Treconomics 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. 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.

<https://queensgreencanopy.org/>



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