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**PRESS RELEASE: Tree planting in Brighton to honour Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth**

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

New trees will be planted in Brighton & Hove in memory of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth.

Half a million pounds of additional national funding for the Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) tree planting initiative was announced by Defra on Friday (December 2).

A successful bid by CPRE Sussex and Brighton Permaculture Trust will see some of that money used to plant new trees in Woodingdean.

**Jenni Cresswell, Plant Your Postcode manager for CPRE Sussex, said:** "Greening our urban landscape is vital in the face of climate change and unpredictable futures. Factors such as flooding, urban heat and air pollution can all be tackled through tree planting."

The funds announced this week will extend the Forgotten Places programme led by Trees for Cities which saw CPRE Sussex plant more than 100 trees in Brighton last winter.

The new planting will see the existing partnership between CPRE Sussex and Brighton and Hove City Council expand to include Brighton Permaculture trust – a specialist partner in orchard trees.

Both charities and the council will be working together to plant trees this winter and continue work to halt the decline of tree canopy in the city.

**Jenni, who is also a community orchard development worker for Brighton Permaculture Trust, said:** "We are pleased to be included in this project to enable us to plant even more fruit and nut trees in areas most in need. Helping communities to grow their own local, secure food by planting fruit and nut trees is vital to future proofing our green spaces."

Nationally, the funding announced on Friday will allow thousands of new trees to be planted by Queen's Green Canopy partners including Trees for Cities, The Tree Council, The Conservation Volunteers and Earthwatch.

**Chief executive officer of The Queen's Green Canopy Dan Rex said:** "The Queen's Green Canopy is proud to be working with Defra and delivery partners to continue our programme of nationwide tree planting to honour the late Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and build a greener environment for generations to come. This funding will make a significant difference to benefit local communities in nature-deprived areas."

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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**

The Green Recovery Challenge Fund is supported using public funds and delivered by The National Lottery Heritage Fund in partnership with Natural England and the Environment Agency. This project is funded by the Government's Green Recovery Challenge Fund. The fund was developed by Defra and its Arm's-Length Bodies. It is being delivered by The National Lottery Heritage Fund in partnership with Natural England, the Environment Agency and Forestry Commission.

### **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. 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/>



## Green Recovery Challenge Fund



