

Dear Parish Council Clerks,

Hope this email finds you well.

With the Queen's Platinum Jubilee fast approaching, I wanted to raise two things with you.

Firstly, I would like to ask for your support with the Queen's Green Canopy project. You may well have seen me present about this project at several events recently.

Next year marks 70 years since Queen Elizabeth II took the throne; to celebrate the anniversary and create a lasting legacy, a UK-wide tree planting initiative named The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) has been established.

The unique scheme involves inviting people to "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee," with everyone encouraged to plant trees in the current and in the next planting season (October 2021 – March 2022 and October 2022 – March 2023). Any trees planted in this period can be badged under the project.

To drive the push locally, both Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council are working with the Lord Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire, Julie Spence, to raise awareness of the project and with residents, community groups, schools, businesses and other partners to encourage and support their participation.

Everyone is invited to take part and it is easy to get involved – whether you are an expert gardener or complete novice, there is something you can do. This includes individuals planting trees on private land, community planting projects, schools planting trees on their premises and businesses setting up tree planting projects with employees.

So far, trees have been planted in three local schools: Woodston Primary School in Peterborough, Spring Meadow Infant & Nursery School in Ely and St Philip's Church of England Primary School in Cambridge. Both Councils have also committed to carrying out planting within their rural estates,

We'd like to ask for your support in encouraging community groups, schools, residents and businesses in your areas to initiate their own planting projects; you may also wish to or already be planning to plant as a Parish Council. More information about what, where and when to plant can be found here: [The Queen's Green Canopy Project - Cambridgeshire County Council](#). Parish Councils/local community groups will be able to apply for free tree packs from the Woodland Trust: [Free Trees for Schools and Communities - Woodland Trust](#).

A national map is being hosted on the national QGC website where planting projects can be added, so everyone can view the contribution being made across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. If you know of a planting project taking place in your area, then please encourage the organiser to add it to the map: [Map - The Queen's Green Canopy \(queensgreencanopy.org\)](#). Plaques are also available from the Queen's Green Canopy website. We can also support the organisation of planting events, and facilitate the attendance of Mayors, the Lord Lieutenant or one of her Deputies, and other dignitaries.

Secondly, there is also an opportunity to get involved in Beacon Lighting as part of the Jubilee celebrations in June 2022. The two attached documents will provide you with more information.

Should you require any more information or have any questions about the above, then do please get in touch. My details can be found below. Please do feel free to forward this email to your Councillors and anyone else who you feel would like to get involved.

Have a great weekend,

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