

# FENLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL

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### **Council Chairman leads tree planting to mark Queen's Platinum Jubilee**

Four trees have been planted by Fenland District Council's Chairman to mark the authority's support for The Queen's Green Canopy – a nationwide tree-planting initiative created in tribute to The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

People across the country – from individuals, groups, schools and communities to civic leaders and larger organisations and businesses – are being encouraged to plant trees as part of the project, just one of a number of national initiatives and events to celebrate Her Majesty's 70 years on the throne.

Fenland District Council Chairman, Cllr Alex Miscandlon, planted the four silver birch trees on Friday, 11 March – the 70<sup>th</sup> day of 70<sup>th</sup> year since The Queen's accession in 1952.

Following a request from Cllr Miscandlon, the trees were planted at four of the district's secondary schools – with one each being planted at Cromwell Community College in Chatteris, the Thomas Clarkson Academy in Wisbech, the Sir Harry Smith Community College in Whittlesey and the Neale Wade Academy in March.

Cllr Miscandlon said: "The Queen's unwavering dedication to the nation has been an inspiration to us all, so I am delighted to plant these trees to mark her Platinum Jubilee and support The Queen's Green Canopy initiative on behalf of Fenland District Council.

"The Jubilee is an opportunity to think about how each of us will pay our own tribute. Planting a tree is a simple but enduring act that will provide habitat for wildlife and be enjoyed for years to come. I would encourage as many community groups, organisations and Fenland residents as possible to join us in celebration and plant a tree for the Jubilee."

Anyone wishing to get involved in The Queen's Green Canopy is encouraged to plant trees during the tree planting season, which runs until the end of March and starts again in October, to optimise the chance of trees surviving and flourishing.

Anyone planning on planting a tree can get advice from Fenland District Council's Parks and Open Spaces team by emailing [parks&greenspaces@fenland.gov.uk](mailto:parks&greenspaces@fenland.gov.uk)

For more information, visit [www.queensgreencanopy.org](http://www.queensgreencanopy.org) where there are tips on planting trees, how to order an official plaque and an interactive tool so that people can pin their tree on a national map.

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