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The Queen's Green Canopy

A simple guide to planting a tree in a Churchyard.

In commemoration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022 the Diocese of Hereford is pleased to support this initiative and hopes this guide will encourage parishes to take up the challenge.

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The 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 is encouraged to play their part to enhance our environment by planting trees during the official planting season which will recommence in October 2022, through to the end of the Jubilee year.

Planning Your Planting

Choose a variety and location for planting. Native British trees are encouraged. There is an excellent guide on tree species at <https://woodlandtrust.org.uk> providing details of potential growth, disease resistance and suitable habitat. The Woodland Trust has a limited number of free trees available – orders can be placed via their website from 4th April 2022 for delivery in November 2022. Alternatively, source your tree from a reputable local nursery.

Select a suitable location. Trees must not be planted close to the church building, churchyard walls or any other structure within the churchyard. Have regard to neighbouring property, overhead and underground services and existing trees. If remaining burial spaces are limited, take care not to "lose" these by planting in such areas.

Seek consent

Consent can be dealt with simply and quickly through the online faculty system

Planting a tree in a churchyard requires the permission of the archdeacon. This can be dealt with simply and quickly by making an application on the Online Faculty System – <https://facultyonline.churchofengland.org> - selecting item B7. (1) – The Planting of Trees. The archdeacon will wish to have details such as a churchyard plan showing the proposed location, and the variety of tree and its potential growth. These details should be uploaded onto your application as supporting documentation.

Ongoing care of your new tree is important

New trees require a certain amount of nurturing – staking, protecting, watering and feeding. Some formative pruning may also be needed.

Useful websites



For more information about this initiative please visit the following websites:

<https://queensgreencanopy.org>

<https://caringforgodsacre.org.uk>

<https://woodlandtrust.org.uk>

For help and advice from the diocesan property team please email: s.challenger@hereford.anglican.org or phone 01432 373300.

