



64 local organisations receive Greenham Trust Trees in celebration of its 25th Anniversary and the Queen's Green Canopy

Newbury, XX January 2022 – As part of Greenham Trust's upcoming 25th Anniversary celebrations and in support of the <u>Queen's Green Canopy</u> – marking Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022, which invites people from across the UK to "plant a tree for the Jubilee" – the Trust plans to provide up to 25,000 trees to be planted throughout the area over the next few planting seasons.

The first stage of this is well under way and Greenham Trust has so far given out 2,000 trees to 64 local charities and schools, councils and voluntary and community groups. These recipients are busy planting their trees which will provide enjoyment across the local community and enhance our local environment for years to come.

Organisations that have received trees so far include 17 schools, 5 local scout groups, 7 villages, 18 local councils and 4 sporting organisations. Please see 'notes to editors' for full details of recipients.

Trees are being supplied by <u>Penwood Nurseries</u> and looked after and delivered by the <u>Growing2Gether</u> charitable organisation. Growing2gether is based at Cottismore Park near Kingsclere, North Hampshire (owned by Greenham Trust) and functions primarily as a horticultural therapy and environmental education centre for adults and young people with learning disabilities, physical disabilities and mental health issues.

The adults and young people working at Cottismore are participating in LASER's Learning, Employability and Progression (LEAP) suite of qualifications which can be structured to fulfil individual learner needs, promote engagement and retention and boost learner confidence meaning that they can simultaneously learn skills and acquire recognised qualifications.

Sharon Chapman, Project Manager, Growing2gether Project said "Working with Greenham Trust on their long-term 25th Anniversary trees project is providing an ideal opportunity for our staff and supported volunteers to further develop their horticultural, teamwork, project management and customer engagement skills. At the same time, they can move along the pathway towards achieving an accredited educational qualification and build valuable employability skills at the same time."

Anne Budd, Hamstead Marshall Wildlife group, said: "The Hamstead Marshall Wildlife Group would like to thank Greenham Trust for the trees that they have given us. The trees will be planted in the village field next to the Hamstead Marshall Village Hall. The planting will be seen and enjoyed by the community for many years to come, providing a positive environmental impact provided by this scheme. We are honoured to be part of the 'Queen's Green Canopy' and thrilled that Greenham Trust has enabled us to become part of this wonderful and enduring legacy."

"We have been thrilled by the response of local charitable organisations to our 25th Anniversary Trees project so far," said Chris Boulton, Chief Executive of Greenham Trust. "It's great to see how popular this project has been. Through the provision of 25,000 trees, we aim to really make a difference to the environment in West Berkshire and north Hampshire which will also support the nationwide sustainability effort."

Applications for the next phase of the 25th Anniversary Trees project are expected to open during the summer of 2022. Any organisation interested in applying for trees in the meantime can register their interest here: https://go.thegoodexchange.com/greenham-trust-trees





Notes to editors

Organisations receiving trees include:

- Five scout groups: 1st Compton, 1st Ufton Nervet, 1st Wash Common, First Mortimer, Kennet District
- Seven villages: Chieveley Village Hall, Hampstead Norreys Amenities Trust, Kintbury Coronation Village Hall, Monk Sherborne Village Hall, Beech Hill Memorial Hall, Hamstead Marshall Wildlife Group, Pamber Heath Memorial Hall
- 17 schools: Aldermaston Church of England School, Burghfield St Mary's C of E Primary School, Calcot Schools, Elstree School, Francis Baily Primary School, Friends of Woolton Hill Junior School, Hermitage Primary School PTA, Lambourn C of E Primary School, Long Lane Primary School, Mrs Bland's Infant and Nursery School, Park House School, Speenhamland School, Springfield Primary School, Theale C of E Primary School PTA, Woolhampton CE Primary School, Friends of Robert Sandilands, Mary Hare Foundation
- 18 Local Councils: Baughurst Parish Council, Cold Ash Parish Council, Compton Parish Council, East Garston Parish Council, Ecchinswell, Sydmonton and Bishops Green Parish Council, Hermitage Parish Council, Kingsclere Parish Council, Kintbury Parish Council, Newbury Town Council, Pangbourne Parish Council, Purley on Thames Parish Council, Stratfield Saye Parish Council, Sulhamstead Parish Council, Tadley Town Council, Theale Parish Council, Tilehurst Parish Council, West Ilsley Parish Council, Woolhampton Parish
- Four sporting organisations: HEROS Rehoming ex-racehorse Organisation Scheme, Inkpen Memorial Playing Field Trust, Lambourn RDA incorporating Carriage Driving Limited, Newbury Rugby Football Club Ltd.

About Greenham Trust

Greenham Trust is an innovative charitable trust that gives grant funding and support to charitable, community and voluntary organisations in West Berkshire and north Hampshire. The Trust uses its investment in Greenham Business Park and other property assets to generate surplus income. Charitable organisations apply for grants and fundraise via The Good Exchange, the Trust's online crowdfunding platform for fundraisers and funders.

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