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## **The Queen's Green Canopy: "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee"**

### **Trees in Memoriam: Captain Tom Memorial**

*The Queen's Green Canopy* (QGC) is delighted to announce a special memorial planting in honour of Captain Sir Tom Moore, to mark the launch of the nation-wide tree planting initiative this week.

A set of six Magnolia trees have been planted at Harrogate's Army Foundation College in memory of "Captain Tom" and in support of *The Queen's Green Canopy*.

The trees, which were planted by junior soldiers in March during planting season, offer a fitting tribute to Captain Tom who was the Honorary Colonel of the College before his death at the age of 100 in January this year.

The choice of trees planted at Harrogate is particularly poignant given that Magnolias are native to Asia, a lasting representation of Captain Tom's service in India and Burma during World War Two.

Before his death, Captain Tom inspired the nation by raising almost £33 million for NHS charities by walking laps of his garden.

*The Queen's Green Canopy* is a UK tree planting initiative to celebrate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 which will mark Her Majesty's 70 years of service to the Nation.

People all over the United Kingdom will be invited to "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee" starting in October this year when the tree planting season begins again. Tree planting season is October to March.

*The Queen's Green Canopy* website [www.queensgreencanopy.org](http://www.queensgreencanopy.org) features a UK map to which people can upload their tree planting projects from October.

The Jubilee trees planted in honour of Captain Tom appear on the QGC map.

As we look ahead to the start of the planting season in October, the QGC will help people to learn about the best way to plant trees so that they survive and flourish for years to come. *The Queen's Green Canopy* website will assist people with planning for planting projects whether they be an individual tree, a copse, an avenue of trees or a community forest.

Like the eternal wisdom of an old oak tree, Sir Tom left us looking to the future with hope through his saying "tomorrow will be a better day".

**The following information is provided for planning purposes – it is not for publication.**

## **Notes to Editors**

- Images and footage of the Jubilee tree planting for Captain Sir Tom Moore will be released through the MOD distribution networks

## **QGC social media**

Please follow The Queen's Green Canopy launch at these handles:

*Instagram: @queensgreencanopy / @theroyalfamily / @clarencehouse*

*Twitter: @qgcanopy / @royalfamily / @clarencehouse*

*Facebook: @queensgreencanopy / @thebritishmonarchy*

*LinkedIn: @queensgreencanopy / @theroyalfamily*

Hashtags: #queensgreencanopy #plantatreeforthejubilee #jubileetree #qgclaunch  
#treesinmemoriam

Further information about the QGC is available on the website: [www.queensgreencanopy.org](http://www.queensgreencanopy.org)

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