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Dear Colleagues,

### **Queen's Green Canopy and in Memoriam**

I am very grateful that so many Town and Parish Councils took the opportunity to plant trees during the Platinum Jubilee Year to honour the 70 years of 'service before self' given by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Much of this planting is displayed on the Queens Green Canopy interactive map illustrating the magnificent effort by communities and individuals nationwide; the map can be viewed at: [www.queensgreencanopy.org/map-education-hub/qgc-map/#/](http://www.queensgreencanopy.org/map-education-hub/qgc-map/#/).

It was intended that the map would be presented to Her Late Majesty The Queen at the end of the Jubilee Year. Instead, His Majesty King Charles III has asked that the map stay open for further additions until the end of the planting season in March 2023, not only to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee further but to honour the memory of his mother.

As we now have a new window of opportunity to plant more trees and further add to the interactive map, as Lord-Lieutenant of Bedfordshire I would very much like to encourage each Town and Parish Council to plant as many trees as possible. This represents a once in a generation opportunity to join this legacy project.

Should you need it, support is available through the Bedfordshire Association of Town and Parish Councils, your Local Authority, the Forest of Marston Vale or my office. Your Local Authority may even be able to help by supplying the trees (please see \*\* overleaf for contact details).

With thanks and in anticipation of your commitment.

Yours sincerely

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