

# Planting trees for the jubilee : the Queen's Green Canopy

Students and staff came together to plant native saplings at the University's Canterbury campus, celebrating both our own Diamond Jubilee and Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.



Photo by Jack Pellow

Image: Students and staff at the QGC hedge site, running alongside Verena Holmes.

Marking 60 years of education at Canterbury Christ Church and the Queen's historic 70-year reign; the hedgerow planted at the University's new £65m Verena Holmes Building aims to enhance the environment for wildlife, improve biodiversity, and make a substantial contribution to ecology on the North Holmes Road site.

The saplings planted are native to the region and include hawthorn, rowan, silver birch, hazel and the English oak.

**50+**

students and staff took part in planting over one week

**400+**

saplings planted along the Verena Holmes bank

**4000+**

sites across the UK planted trees for the Queen's Green Canopy

Our Christ Church campus in Canterbury is part of a UNESCO World Heritage Site bringing together the grounds of the ancient St Augustine's Abbey, within sight of Canterbury Cathedral and St Martin's Church.

The hedge has been planted on an ancient ley line that links the sites as part of the University's *Wilder Campus* campaign, which includes a new Jubilee Garden on the Canterbury Campus, as well as an International Forest which will be planted by the University's international students at our Stodmarsh sports fields.

To mark the University's Golden Jubilee ten years ago, a native orchard was planted on campus and this will also be expanded as part of this year's Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

The Queen's Green Canopy event, part of the year-long celebrations, took place from 22nd—25th March 2022 and was part of a UK-wide initiative.

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*"Unsustainable behaviours and processes cannot drive positive change. We need to collectively do our best for a sustainable future for us all."*

*"There are a number of opportunities for staff, students and the wider community to join in and show their support. We are at the heart of a UNESCO World Heritage Site and our future is just as important as our history."*

Dr Peter Rands, Director of Sustainability Development at Christ Church

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